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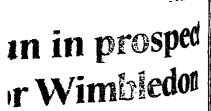
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De Klerk cuts Spain visit to save ANC talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

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PRESIDENT de Klerk cut short his visit to Spain yesterday and was flying back to South Africa to confront the threat to the country's constitutional

He will be back in time for tomorrow's cabinet meeting. with the nation plunged into its most serious political turmoil since his revolutionary abandonment of apartheid in 1990. More than 120 blacks have died since last Wednesday, when 39 men, women and children were killed in Boipatong township, south of

Johannesburg.
Delegates of the African National Congress yesterday confirmed the threat made at the weekend by Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, by requesting a two-day interruption in the sequence of

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foreign minister who is acting state president in Mr de Klerk's absence, called for urgent talks with the ANC to consider the facts and the issues surrounding the Boipatong killings.
Dr Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, said that South Africa should be expelled from the Olympic Games in Barcelona

next month if at least one of three demands was not met. You cannot have both Boipatong and Barcelona," he said in a sermon at St George's Cathedral. South Africa is due to return to the games after an absence of 32 The archbishop outlined

his demands as inter-party agreement on an international monitoring force, the government to bring those responsible for the Boipatong massacre to justice, and multi-party control of the security forces. "If at least one of these demands is not met before the Olympic Games begin, then the South African team must withdraw," he said. "If our Olympic committee does not withdraw the team, then it must be expelled. I am calling today on our friends around the world to begin a campaign to

achieve that end." While the ANC met in Johannesburg with its "Patriot-ic Front" allies in the Codesa talks, the government held talks in Pretoria with its ally, the mainly Zulu-Inkatha Freedom Party. But the crucial meeting will take place today, when the ANC national executive discusses what to do about further participation in the Codesa process.

Although Mr Mandela has said that the negotiating process was "in tatters", the less firebrand members of the national executive said yesterday that the movement remained committed to negotiations. Kader Asmal, a law professor in Cape Town, who returned from exile in Ireland after the unbanning of the ANC, said: "We have not pulled out of Codesa ... we are calling an emergency meeting to consult and jointly

decide what we should do.'

Professor Asmal made it clear that there was a great deal of anger within the ANC over the recent killings in the Transvaal.

The anger is likely to take tangible form when the date for the funerals of the victims of the Boipatong massacre is announced. Widespread strikes are continuing among those directly affected by the violence in the Vaal triangle. 40 miles south of Johannesburg. Mr Botha said that a government representative had on Sunday morning suggested to a senior ANC member that there should be a meeting that day to discuss Boipatong, but the ANC had not reacted to the proposal.

"I repeat our proposal," Mr Botha said. "Urgent talks are necessary to discuss all the factors and the facts concerning the Boipatong tragedy.
The government remains committed to finding solutions through discussion." The vast majority of South Africans wanted a negotiated settlement and there was no other long-term solution.

The programme of mass action threatened by the ANC to thrust its views for constitutional reform upon the government was given a small boost in Johannesburg city centre yesterday, when hundreds of metal workers brought traffic to a standstill. They said the demonstration was not only to press their wage claims but also to call for the rapid implementation of an interim constitution.

Johannesburg police said last night that they had arrested five men in connection with the Boipatong killings. The men were resitel, from where survivors said the raid was launched.

■ Mr Mandela vesterday telephoned Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, to ask for the UN Security Council to discuss the collapse of the Codesa talks.

Diplomats said that Mr Mandela's request was not specific. Council members agreed to take no action until he meets Dr Boutros-Ghali in Dakar later this month.

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Sea rescue: Steven Evans, 15, being carried from the helicopter after he and his friend were winched to safety. One of their friends is still missing and feared lost despite a huge sea search

Draft treaty opens way to chemical weapons ban

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A GLOBAL convention to ban the production, storage and use of chemical weapons is expected to be signed by the end of the year, following the presentation in Geneva yesterday of a completed draft

The agreed text, which has taken 24 years to negotiate, was hailed as a breakthrough in disarmament. The text, which contains no bracketed reservations, will be studied by the governments of the 39 negotiating countries over the next three weeks, with the aim of producing a treaty, including any last-minute re-

finements, by August 6. The convention, which includes intrusive inspections of chemical facilities, will be presented to the United Nations General Assembly in October. It is hoped that more than 100 countries will eventually sign. Sixty-five have to sign before the convention can come into force. The signing will take place in Paris.

Such good progress has been made at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva that there are not expected to be any late changes of substance. Adolf von Wagner. the German ambassador to the conference and chairman of the sub-committee responsible for presenting the draft text, made clear that he did not foresee any obstacles.

The breakthrough came when non-aligned countries, in particular China, Pakistan and Iran, agreed to compro-mise over challenge inspections. The Western group of countries wanted a stringent verification regime. The same three countries were also worried about membership of the 40-nation executive council which will oversee the convention. However, both these is-

sues have been resolved.

Two of the main obstacles

were removed by President Bush last year when he announced that the United States would destroy its entire chemical stockpile. Previously, America had reserved the right to retain 2 per cent until all countries with chemical weapons had signed a con-

reserving the right to retaliate with chemical weapons. About 20 countries are believed to possess chemical weapons. including Middle Eastern nations such as Egypt, Syria, Iran and Israel. Iraq's chemical weapons capability was mostly destroyed in the Gulf war and by UN

vention. Mr Bush also re-

nounced American policy on

inspectors since the war. Egypt was one of the 39 countries involved in negotiations and has made clear that while it will sign the convention, ratification will be postponed until there is a regional Continued on page 16, col 4

Shares fall as trade gap closes

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

THE London stock market fell sharply yesterday after further overnight falls on the Tokyo and New York markets. Despite an improvement in Britain's trade with the rest of the world during May, announced yesterday, the FT-SE 100 Index closed 34.5 points down at 2550.3, the lowest since the index closed at a record of 2737.80 on May II. 1

The current account deficit fell from £1.155 billion in April 10 £645 million in May but half of the fall was attributed to one-off items of erratic trade, which may not be repeated in coming months.

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ordeal BY PETER VICTOR TWO young men missing at sea in the Bristol Channel for 48 hours were recovering in hospital last night after one swam through rough seas, climbed a 250 ft rock face and broke into a lighthouse to raise the alarm. They were

ing from hypothermia and dehydration. A third young man was still missing and feared lost after it was reported that he had tried to swim back to the South Wales coast on Saturday after the boat's engine failed.

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Gareth Smith, 18, a business studies student, and Steven Evans, 15, were airlifted to North Devon Hospital. Barnstaple, after their 12 ttlong boat drifted more than 30 miles in the channel from Pendine, Dyfed, Wales, Had they not reached Lundy they would have faced another two days at sea before reaching the North Devon coast

Mr Smith was commended for his bravery last night by the rescue services after they disclosed that he swam ashore from the boat as it drifted several hundred yards from Lundy and then climbed up the rocky shore to break into the lighthouse there and raise the alarm.

The two young men were picked up by an RAF helicop-ter after he called his mother from the lighthouse. Steven Evans was still in the speedboat drifting about half a mile west of the northern point of Lundy when he was

winched up.

Mr Smith, Steven and Simon Roberts, 19, a trainee accountant, all from Ammanford, near Swansea, disappeared after launching the new speedboat from Pendine on Saturday afternoon. The trio took no emergency equipment or lifejackets. It is thought that the the engine failed and the pull rope to restart it snapped. Mr Roberts and Steven first tried to tow the boat back to shore but the rope they were using broke. Mr Roberts then attempted to swim back to Pendine. Last night rescue services were carrying out a low-level search for him. The disappearance of the three Continued on page 16, col 3

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Britain forced by EC to delay cheaper air fares

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

BRITAIN was last night forced to compromise over plans to liberalise air transport within Europe.

The French transport minister tried to block for at least six years attempts by the British and Dutch to allow airlines to fly where they wanted within the Community and charge what fares they liked. Britain argued that they should be allowed complete freedom immediately and at most, they said, they were prepared for a year's delay. In the end, a package of measures was agreed which will come into force in 1997, a four-year delay which is certain to infuriate Britain's leading airlines. However,

agreement in Luxembourg as the "final clincher" in a tenyear battle for open skies. "The UK has led the way throughout and this final clincher, after two earlier interim air packages, represents a real opening up of the European skies to competition, he said. The agree-

ment, which comes into force on January 1 next year, does away with the controversial airline cartels in Europe. Subject only to meeting financial and safety regulations, any airline can compete freely on any air route within the EC. All government interference in setting air fares and jockey-ing for lucrative routes will end. Mr MacGregor said: "Our agreement has put in place the right mechanisms."



Jimmy Connors, hero of many epic Wimbledon bat-tles, failed to survive the opening day yesterday losing to Luis Herrera of Mexico. The championships began with Dan Maskell, 84, receiving a silver salver from the Duke of Kent to mark more than 40 years as a BBC commentator.

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Cabinet ready for court fight on 48-hour week

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND GEORGE BROCK

CABINET ministers agreed yesterday that Britain will challenge in the European court any effort by the European Community to force on Britain a maximum 48-hour working week.

Gillian Shephard, employ-

ment secretary, will meet Martine Aubry, her French opposite number, today as part of her efforts to build support for Britain's opposition to the directive before tomorrow's social affairs council in Luxembourg. where the Portuguese presidency is expected to press the matter to a decision. She wants the vote postponed or. if that cannot be, to limit the damage to industry by mod-

erating the directive.

If the measure is forced

majority voting procedure, Mrs Shephard is expected to challenge the legal basis of bringing it under health and safety legislation. The Portuguese government is poised to try to split the difference be-tween Britain and most of the other governments, which find no problems with a 48hour limit.

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Mrs Shephard has suggested that workers be allowed to work more than 48 hours in a week if they wish to do so and safeguards be written in to EC law to make sure that employers do not abuse the system. Britain has rejected the idea of a ten-year phasing.

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After hardware and software: Helpware, the

third dimension in personal computing.

Moving home? Remember to pack the compost

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

the transport secretary. John MacGregor, described the

THE seller of a mansion might once have just removed the garden statues before moving out. Now they are more than likely to remove the balus-trade, the rose bushes or even the garden shed. One seller recently

bagged up his compost heap and took it with him. Estate agents report that mansion sellers have been forced to hoover up fixtures and fittings, as they observe the value of their homes fall faster than the value of less distinguished houses. (And they may be feeling the Lloyd's pinch). Valuable fittings are to be found in every room and taken away if possible. Another recent selier removed every wooden loo seat. Once only suburban bedsits were vulnerable to having their light bulbs removed by impecunious sellers moving out. Now the nation's stately homes and mansions are being denuded of their bulbs, and many other fixtures and fittings as sellers try to compensate for falling prices.

"I'd say disputes over fixtures and fittings are now happening in over 50 per cent of the cases we handle," says per cent of the cases we handle," says William Gething of Property Vision, a company which acts for buyers of properties round the £1 million mark "in the old days, the bidding for a house would start at £750,000, and the agent might get five bids of £825,000. The seller would lie pretty doggo about the fireplaces. Now the seller is accepting an offer £100,000 less than he wanted, so he starts less than he wanted, so he starts arguing about everything from the fireplaces to the light fittings." All

the grand agents such as Savills, Hamptons, Chesterfield, and Knight Frank & Rutley report fixtures

Such haggling is slowing up an already sluggish market, with delays exacerbated by legal confusion over whether an object is a fitting or not. In theory, if an object is screwed. nailed or cemented to the wall, floor or the ceiling, it is a fitting and should by law be left in situ.

But the rules change if the fitting's purpose is not to "permanently im-prove" the property. If it's there only as a temporary improvement, it can

Charles Joly, from the West End solicitors N.C Morris & Co, which specialise in property law, describes the law as "a very grey area". "There have been numerous cases where it

ends up with a fight in court about whether something is or is not a fixture. And the cases are getting more numerous as the recession

His advice is caveat emptor. "In practice, it is down to the purchaser to prove that something is a fitting. Generally, he can't in law refuse to complete the contract because the seller has removed the fittings. He can only sue afterwards, with all the delays and costs that involves."

The buyer's best hope is to ask for an inventory from the seller establishing what they will or will not be taking with them, light bulbs included. The transformation of the upper classes into light-bulb pinchers will be chronicled in the society glossy Harpers & Queen, which will publish a feature on the subject next month.

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More than 60% stay in education after 16

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

RECORD numbers of young people are staying in education as youth unemployment rates rise, careers officers reported yesterday. More than 60 per cent remained in fulltime education beyond the minimum leaving age of 16, a 12 per cent rise in two years.

The trend is expected to continue this autumn, with the youth labour market remaining sluggish and oppor-unities expanding in further and higher education. John Patten, the education secretary, has placed further growth in staying-on rates among his priorities.

Labour claimed yesterday that the improvements have come too late to prevent the development of an "under-class" of more than 10 mil-lion people without qualif-ications. Henry McLeish. shadow employment minister, said that almost a third of the working population remained unqualified.

"It is encouraging that more youngsters are staying on, but we still have a mountain to climb," Mr McLeish said. "The key to success must be the numbers taking A-level and GCSE. A fifth of those in training, for example, are heading for no qualification

Statistics published by two local government associations showed that girls' superior examination performances carry over into sixth form participation. Only 55 per cent of boys took full-time courses, compared with more than 66 per cent of their

female counterparts. Sexual stereotypes also con-tinued to dominate career choice. Young women tended to go into hairdressing, retailing and clerical work, while the forces, the construction industry and mechanical engineering remained male preserves.

The report showed that pupils from ethnic minorities were more likely than their white counterparts to stay in education. Whites were twice as likely as black 16-year-olds to take jobs or training places.

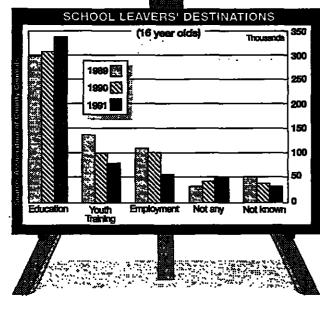
For the second consecutive year, there was a decline in the numbers joining youth training schemes, although unemployment levels rose to almost 9 per cent. Only 10 per cent of young people went straight to work, compared with 18 per cent two years ago. Five per cent could not

Local authority careers officers followed more than 500.000 young people in England and Wales. The figures show that Britain is slowly catching up with Europe, Japan and the United States. where about 90 per cent of 16-year-olds continue

The south of England registered substantially higher staying-on rates than the Midlands or the North. Inner London was the youth unemployment blackspot. Almost 15 per cent there were without work, education or training. A further 10 per cent could not be traced.

Roy Slade, author of the report, said that the surveys revealed a worrying "training gap", in spite of the increase in numbers staying on at school or college. "If we are going to remain a trading nation, we have to get more people technically qualified and the largest single need is for better qualified techni-cians and technologists."

School leavers' destinations



Science education 'is too narrow'

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS and engineers are too narrowly educated at school to fulfil their potential at work, says a report sponsored by some of Britain's largest companies. Managers and graduates

in six leading firms com-plained that otherwise welleducated experts in science and engineering could neither speak nor write effectively. Many had given up arts subjects before the age of 16. Most of those specialising in science and engineering got inadequate advice on higher education and little or no careers counselling. Many left university or polytechnic without properly assessing their own strengths, weak-

nesses and aspirations. The report, investing in Talent. says: "Companies find they must invest heavily in developing graduates to make an effective contribution, because they are unused to working with others and lack the skills of clear expression." Managers would prefer courses to be longer to

provide more breadth. Andrea Spurling, of the Council for Industry and Higher Education, said: "Being innovative in industry does not only mean having new ideas: it means having good ideas that can be translated into products or services that people will buy. Some graduates take years to understand the interplay of deas, time and costs in indus-'al innovation."

> ohn Patten, the education bary, yesterday fired a Uside at the National of Teachers, the big

gest teaching union, for its opposition to the testing of seven year-olds.

The union published a survey recently showing that the slimming down of standard assessment tasks had failed to quell opposition among the primary school staff administering them. Al-most all considered their own assessment a more reliable guide to pupils' progress.

In a letter to Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, Mr Patten said: "What a fillip it would have been to all those teachers who worked so hard on behalf of their pupils to make the recent tests work, if they had been offered the support and assistance of teaching unions

All six teaching unions have opposed testing at seven, which was introduced last year as part of the national

BY TIM JONES

PROSPECTIVE house buyers in

Cornwall were advised yesterday to

insist on mining surveys being carried out before purchasing property, as some parts of the county are said to resemble a cheese full of holes.

The warning was given as the Row-

lands family, of Gunnislake, a former

tin-mining town near Tavistock, con-templated the 75ft deep crater which

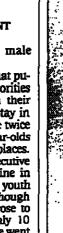
swallowed up their garden at the

weekend. Somewhere in the hole are

their lawn mower, paddling pool, garden tools and two 30ft electricity

Colin Rowlands, who lived in the house with his wife and three child-

ren, was waiting to find out last night



be accounted for.

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Doctors seek controls on deputies

CALLS are growing among the medical profession for tighter standards to regulate the commercial deputising services that family doctors are increasingly using to answer calls from their patients outside surgery hours.

As family doctors prepare today to debate whether to continue their commitment to providing round-the-clock cover for patients at the opening of their annual conference, there are fears that the work of the private deputising agencies, to which local health authorities may turn to provide out-of-hours cover if GPs do decide to opt out, may not be coming under sufficient scrutiny.

"There is a code of conduct which binds these services. That provides consistency nationwide. What is in question is the consistency of implementation of that code nationwide," Dr Peter Kielty, chairman of the British Medical Association monitoring committee for the country's largest private deputising ser-

vice, Healthcall, said. Com-

GP denies

night-call

fraud

A FAMILY doctor from Newcastle upon Tyne claimed almost £1,000 from

his local health authority for

out-of-hours calls to patients

he did not make, a court was

Dr Mohan Tharakan, who

has two surgeries in Tyne and Wear, had defrauded North

Tyneside Health Services au-thority by claiming for 30

night calls to patients which

another GP had answered in

his place, the prosecution told

Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court. A GP is paid £45 by a local

health authority for every night call after 10pm. The fee falls to £15 if another doctor

visits the patient in place of

John Evans, for the prose-

cution, said Dr Tharakan

had made the false claims to

help shore up his practice. "Dr Tharakan defrauded his

paymasters, knowing his

claims were false and despite

warnings from his partner

and the practice manager not to do so." Mr Evans said.

Dr Tharakan, 44, of Whit-

ley Bay, Tyne and Wear,has

pleaded not guilty to four

specimen charges of obtain-

ing £173.40 by deception and

attempting to obtain £86.70. The trial continues today.

whether his insurance covers the pos-

sibility that they may never be able to return to the house. The family of

five who lived next door face the same

Tony Maycock, director of commu-

nity services of Caradon district council, which has offered the fam-

ilies temporary accommodation, said

that many companies that insured

houses in the area specifically exclud-

ed damage caused by subsidence.

"There are countless workings in the

area and some do cause problems,

although this is the biggest I have

local fears the council was producing old maps to chart where the workings

were. It was routine in the area for

Mr Maycock said that to allay

their own GP.

told yesterday.

Family doctors are worried that deputising services are not being sufficiently regulated. Louise Hidalgo reports

mercial deputising companies are bound by a code of conduct brought in by the health department in 1984.

Local health authorities were given statutory responsibility for ensuring they imple-mented the code, and had to set up special committees and appoint officers to monitor their work, including deputy doctors' qualifications and the speed of response to patients' requests for a doctor.

With the recent health service management changes, however, the obligation for a monitoring committee slipped. It is now left to individual family health service authorities to decide how they keep check on the quality of service of deputising agen-cies. The responsibility, however, remains.

The anxiety is that there could be a slippage in stanearly eighties," Dr Kielty highest standards at a time Association.

said. "As yet there is no public evidence that is happening, but that does not mean to say that it is not."

Increasing numbers of doctors contract out night work to commercial deputising services, as a recent Times survey of GPs showed. In urban areas more than half use them to do at least part of their out-of-hours work.

In London, three local health authorities have been so worried by what they see as the lack of national standards that they have combined forces to draw up their own

John Lipetz, director of support services for Ealing FHSA, one of the authorities involved in setting up the scheme, which is to cover deputising services working across northeast London and much of Essex, said: "We felt dards, such as we saw in the it was important to set the the

when out-of-hours provision by doctors is under examination. We need for example to be sure the doctors who are deputising are not just qualified but also competent.

MARTIN BEDUALL

"We hope it is a monitoring system other authorities can

apply."
The Federation of Medical Services, which represents medical locum agencies, including deputising services, has itself been lobbying for a national monitoring scheme.

"There is competition between the various companies. It is only fair, when the larger agencies operate by their own standards, that others cannot undercut them because of local political whim," Dr John Maxwell, the federa-

tion's chairman, said. The Federation of Medical Services puts the number of deputising services operating at between 30 and 45. The largest, Healthcall, which has 34 centres across the country and covers 70 per cent of deputised work, is assured by British Medical



Fast delivery: Graham Hutchinson gets his skates on for the maternity unit

Hospital staff cover miles

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS and nurses spend more time walking round hospitals than treating patients, according to a survey published yesterday.

During a typical eight-hour shift, a hospital doctor walks seven miles and when on call travels up to 16 miles in 24 hours. At an average speed of 3mph, that is two to three hours a shift "commuting."

"It is the sort of journey most people would take ex-ception to in getting to work." said Nicholas Edwards of Andersen Consulting, who did the efficiency survey in 10 NHS hospitals. People in most jobs walk little more than a mile a day, he said. "Hospitals need to re-think the way they provide care."

Doctors are doing a bit of rethinking, too. Graham Hurchinson, an anaesthetics registrar, uses rollerskates to cover the mile between the accident and emergency department and the maternity

holes before even purchasing land, he

said. "Of course, for older properties,

people have to rely on their survey-

ors." The question of compensation

was extremely difficult as the mine

companies had gone out of business

There are at least 2,000 recorded

old tin and copper mine workings in

the area and hundreds more which

Dr Phil Newall, of the Camborne

School of Mines, said that it would be

fair to describe a 60 sq mile area of

the county as resembling a holey cheese. "Although many of these old

working are mapped some never were or the records have been lost."

He said that some of the shafts were

have been sealed and forgotten.

decades ago, he said.

any house builder to make test bore hundreds of feet deep and were not

unit at Doncaster Royal Infirmary when he is on call at night. At their annual conference last weekend, junior doctors suggested that managers should issue roller skates to all casualty doctors.

The survey also shows that anyone keen to expand his social circle ought to get admitted to hospital. An average patient in hospital for an average five-day stay will meet 47 members of staff. from cleaner to consultant.

filled from the bottom but were

He said that earth movement or

very dry or wet weather could cause

an old shaft to give way. The south-west has had only 60 per cent of its average winter rainfall and Plym-

outh, a few miles from thecollapse,

has had only 11 per cent of its June

people planning to buy a property in old mining areas should always insist

on a proper survey being conducted.

When similar problems occur in coal

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responsibility and if necessary will pay the full market value of a house which can no longer be occupied.

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Parts of Cornwall 'riddled with holes like cheese'

insurers investigated the claim, and when police interviewed Duxbury she admit-

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Laura Davies has new operation

Laura Davies, the four-year-old girl given a bowel and liver transplant in the United States 12 days ago, had a fourth operation yesterday after developing a fever. Surgeons at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital want to examine whether her new organs are functioning property. The hospital said:
"She has a low-grade fever and we want to know if her new organs are the cause. She has gone through a lot in the past few days but she is bearing up well." Laura, from Eccles, Greater Manchester, is regulating her breathing to some extent, although she is still on a ventilator. Her father Leslie Davies, 46, and mother Frances. 26. are at her bedside. She was flown to Pittsburgh for the operation after her parents launched a £350,000 appeal. She made a good recovery after the operation 12 days ago and a second operation on Thursday to repair a burst blood vessel showed that there were no signs of rejection. However, part of one lung then collapsed and, on Saturday, she had further surgery for a probe to be passed into her lungs and later her stomach. Andreas Tzakis, her surgeon, said he believed that she would recover more slowly from the latest operations.

Russians win chess

The Russian team has won the gold medal in the Chess Olympics in Manila with a round to spare (Raymond Keene writes). The Russians, one of 12 teams from former Soviet republics, were led by Gary Kasparov, the world champion, who scored seven wins and three draws in ten games. The scores, with one round to go are: Russia 37 points, Armenia 32 b. Uzbekistan 32. United States and Israel 31 b. England, Iceland and Czechoslovakia 31. In the final round tomorrow the Russians are likely to play the English, who tomorrow the Russians are likely to play the English, who revived their slim chances of a medal with a 3 ½-½ win over Australia yesterday. Short beat Rogers, Speelman drew with Johansen, Chandler beat Solomon and Hodgson beat West. If they can beat Russia, it is possible that they could win the

Byron's hair auctioned

A lock of Byron's hair was saved for England yesterday when an anonymous buyer paid £4,620 for the 5in twist tied with an anonymous buyer paid £4,620 for the 5in twist tied with ribbon as a surprise present for his son, a student at Cambridge University. He bought the memento at Bonham's in Knightsbridge after reading about the sale in The Times. The English collector said: "I was determined to secure this incredibly romantic item for my children." Byron gave the lock to Lord Clare, for whom he developed an idealised love, on leaving Harrow school in 1805.

An unpublished eye-witness account of the American Civil War by Thomas Butler Gunn, an English reporter working for the New York Tribune, sold for £6,600 to William Taylor, a history teacher from California and a descendant of the quartermaster-general in George Washington's army.

Civil War sparks fly Three men watching the start of a Civil War re-enactment

between roundheads and cavaliers in Hull were taken to hospital with burns when gunpowder near a cannon exploded. The English Civil War Society was celebrating the 350th anniversary of the city's turning away of Charles I from the gates. Brian Dean, 47, who was at the event with his son. Mark, 13, said: "All of a sudden a cannon went off, there was a big flash, a bang and a volley of smoke went up into the air. Everybody started shouting and the next thing we saw was St John ambulancemen and woman trying to get over there. There were people laid on the ground but the ambulances had problems getting through because the troops were still fighting." One man was still in hospital yesterday with superficial burns.

Maintenance changes

partners will have to make maintenance payments for their children in spite of being on income support, the government announced yesterday. The new regulations governing the recovery of maintenance payments from absent parents, which come into force in April next year, will also require the full payments to be continued until the youngest child reaches 16.

Firebomb remand

A student was yesterday remanded in custody by Leeds magistrates until June 29 charged with planting incendiary devices in stores in the city on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Earnmon Patrick O'Donnell. 37. of no fixed address, was charged with conspiracy to commit arson. criminal attempt and placing explosives. Reporting restrictions were not lifted and no application was made for bail.

Husband and claim invented

FOUR food firms paid Juli-ana Duxbury nearly £750 after she wrote to them saying that her husband had cracked a tooth eating their meat and fish pastes. Companies including Quaker Oats and Heinz paid out after Duxbury, 31, said that he had bitten into pieces of glass from the jars, a court was told

Duxbury backed up her claims with a dentist's note saying that her husband had needed time off work. But her husband did not exist and she had filled in the dental forms herself after stealing them from her local surgery, magistrates at Huddersfield. West Yorkshire, were told.

Mr Mark Auty, for the prosecution, said that Duxbury had written to thirteen food firms last summer to claim for damages. Four of them had returned cheques totalling nearly £750.

However, Quaker Oats'

ted making up the stories.

Duxbury, of Oakes, Huddersfield, admitted one

a waiting room.

Crossword finals have new faces By JOHN GRANT

CROSSWORD EDITOR

NO FEWER than nine of the 23 contestants in The Times InterCity Crossword Championship in London next month will be compet-ing in the actional feed for ing in the national final for the first time. Three are computer specialists and the rest a housewife, a general practitioner, a teacher, an accountant, the editor of a puzzle magazine and a public affairs counsellor.

There are also four previous national champions among the contestants whose average age is 47, including Roy Dean, a retired diplomat from Bromley, who won the first cham-pionship in 1970. As in previous years, computing and teaching are the most successful vocations for

crossword solvers.
More than 40,000 people have competed in the championship, now in its 22nd year. The prize for the winner this year, when the championship is being sponsored for the first time by InterCity, is one year's first class rail travel any where in Britain for two people. The number up gris the same for six such jour-

The final takes place on Sunday, July 26, at the Hil-ton Hotel, Park Lane, central London, at 2pm. Admission is free and spectators will be able to tackle the same puzzles as the finalists as well as other word

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Woman dies of Aids and three infected by HIV man

DOCTORS in Birmingham are meeting this week to dis-cuss what action to take over a man they believe has infected four women sexual partners with the HIV virus. One has since died of Aids.

The unnamed man, a haemophiliac and known HIV carrier, is said to have ignored medical advice to inform his sexual partners of his condition or to practise safe sex and has been accused of deliberately putting women at risk.

The meeting of doctors and medical officers of the South Birmingham Health Authority has been called to decide what action can be taken to prevent the man spreading the infection further. One of-ficial said that without legal powers it was likely they would be powerless to act.

The meeting was called after a woman from Birmingham died of Aids six weeks ago. Her case was linked to three other local women found to be UNIV president. found to be HIV positive and

Drug firm gives £1 m as cases increase

BY ALISON ROBERTS

A PACKAGE of initiatives to combat the spread of Aids and to help sufferers was launched yesterday as the latest figures showed an in-crease in Aids cases, bringing the United Kingdom total to 6,013. The three-year programme, with an initial cost of £1 million, was announced by Wellcome, maker of AZT, the drug used for treating Aids patients.

There were i21 new re-ports of Aids in May, of which 79 contracted the virus through homosexual contact and 31 through heterosexual contact. The disease was also transmitted through sharing needles or being passed from mother to child.

Wellcome's package will support other Aids charities and researchers, fund a symposium on Aids in children and an international conference, and advise and educate companies who employ HIVpositive workers. It will also fund self-help groups and counsellors for Aids sufferers. A genuine phobia of becoming infected with the Aids virus can amount to a reasonable excuse for drink-driving suspects to refuse to give a breath test, the High Court ruled yesterday. Lord Justice Watkins said that there must be clear medical evidence that the motorist was suffer-

ing from a phobia.

The court allowed an appeal by Desmond de Freitas, 50, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, against his conviction for failing "without reasonable excuse" to provide two breath specimens. Evidence was given that he had a phobia which led him to refuse to place his lips on the mouthpiece of the intoximteter breath test device, even though the mouthpiece was sterile and the device presented no substantial risk to his

The conviction, fine, costs order and driving ban were

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have regular meetings with doctors over his haemophilia, which led him to become HIV positive through infected blood products. Peter Bellamy, HIV services manager for the health

who had sexual relations

with the man. He comes from

Birmingham and is said to

authority, said it was not known if the man was deliberately trying to give the infec-tion to his women partners. He said that he had not responded to medical advice to tell his partners about his condition or use condoms.

"He is putting people at risk in a rather irresponsible way." Dr Bellamy said. "We know that probably one or two partners did not know he was HIV positive. it could mean he has a very casual attitude to his behaviour or is finding it difficult to tell

people about his condition."
Dr Bellamy said it was possible the women had con-tracted the infection before meeting the man, but because of the common link it

was likely he was responsible. The woman who died and the other three with HIV are believed to be in their 20s and single. At least two contacted an Aids helpline on finding they were HIV positive. Dame Jill Knight, Conserv-

ative MP for Edgbaston, said: "This man is in possession of something as dangerous as a gun or a knife." She had the deepest sympathy for the man in contracting HIV through infected blood but he seemed to need psychiatric care to protect others. \square Aids is not notifiable but

doctors can apply for a court

order to have a patient de-tained under public health

legislation (Frances Gibb. legal correspondent, writes). Surinder Bakhshi, Birmingham's chief medical officer, said that had happened once before. "That was in Manchester where a man was detained under a magistrates' court order. The issue at stake was his own protection rather than infecting others.

The man appealed to the

High Court the next day and

the order was overturned." John Spencer, reader in law at Selwyn College, Cam-bridge, said that although the criminal law could be applied to the man's actions, a prosecution would be difficult because of the problem of proving a motive to cause harm which went beyond

reckless behaviour. One possible offence would be maliciously causing griev-ous bodily harm with intent contrary to section 18 of the Offences Against the Persons Act 1861; or administering a noxious substance under the same act, he said. Although the act was designed to deal with poisons, a virus would do



Knight: "He seems to need psychiatric care"

Nightclub orgies man fined £3,000

held orgies at a London nightclub was fined £3,000 by a judge at Southwark Crown Court yesterday. Ian Jackson, 43, a publish-

sessions.

Many of the couples, often wealthy professionals, needed no encouragement to take part in the night-long orgies, the court was told. On one occasion every man entering the club was given £1,000 in "toy money" to buy sexual services from women dressed as prostitutes. One of the women won a prize for selling the most sex - £11,000 in orgy vouchers.

Judge Thompson told

"broad-minded couples". Neighbours complained last



On dry land: Gareth Smith, who raised the alarm, arriving yesterday at Barnstaple hospital and, below, Simon Roberts, who is missing

Coastguards call for safety checks

The rescue yesterday of two men off the coast of Lundy highlights the dangers facing unwary sailors, Lin Jenkins writes

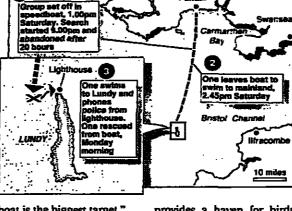
THE advice from coastguards to those who find themselves in difficulty at sea is never to leave the vessel. Air sea rescue teams have a good record in finding missing boats, but it is almost impossible to spot a person alone in Eric Birkett, senior watch

officer with Swansea coastguard, said it was essential for people to plan ahead for any emergency. "The first thing is to make sure there is enough equipment on board to do something about it," he said. All vessels should have a secondary means of propulsion, whether a small outboard motor which can be used if the main engine fails,

or even oars if the trip is to be confined to coastal waters. "If there is no means of

moving to somewhere shel-tered then an anchor should be dropped so that they can stay in one position. People should always take enough warm clothing so that if they are lost for a long time at least they can stay warm," he

No boat should set sail without carrying some means of distress signal, either a radio or flares. There should also be enough life jackets for all those on board. "If it does happen that you are in distress then the advice is to never, never leave the boat, always stay with it. The



boat is the biggest target." The two young men res-cued yesterday off Lundy can count themselves fortunate as the island has been known for generations as an impenetrable refuge. It is an impos-ing granite island lodged where the Bristol Channel was Britain's first marine nameets the Atlantic. Deture reserve. The rare sea fended by 400ft cliffs the only place the regular ferry service dreds of divers to the island can moor is off the single on the island is the Marisco

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One of the few buildings

to produce 70 gallons of "Old light Bitter" and "Puffin Purge" a week, and a general lowed by climbers, divers and those looking to escape from it all for a few days. As well as being a bird sanctuary (lund is Norse for puffin). Lundy

There is no indigenous population and the islanders are all employed by the Landmark Trust which administers the island and has guaranteed to restore and maintain the buildings and the island for 60 years.

Rescue at sea, page I

Macari denies cheating tax man

BY DAVID YOUNG

LOU Macari, the former Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland soccer star, paid large cash sums to players when manager of Swindon Town football club, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Macari, Brian Hillier, former chairman of the club, and Vivian Farrar, accountant, deny conspiring to cheat the Inland Revenue by making payments to employees without deducting tax and national insurance contributions. Mr Farrar also denied a charge of false accounting

A jury at Winchester Criwn Court was told that the three men paid out hundreds et thousands of pounds in "under the counter" payments to players

Michael Hubbard QC, tothe prosecution, said that Mr. Macari and Mr Hillier were the architects of a conspiracy to swindle the Inland Revenue. They were able to do se successfully with the assistance of Mr Farrar "For almost five years they reigned over a management that was riddled with dishonesty," he

Mr Macari, of Loughton. Essex, Mr Hillier, of Heddington, near Caine. Wiltshire, and Mr Farrar, of Lower Blunsdon, near Swin-don, deny the charges

Mr Hubbard said that in 1984, when Swindon were languishing in the Fourth Division, an international firm of Lloyd's brokers in the town decided to sponsor the club It was decided that Swindon needed a player of interna-tional fame as its new manager and Mr Macari fitted that bill. Mr Hubbard said that one way of attracting worthwhile players was a "liddle" which sprang easily to the minds of Mr Hillier and Mr Macari.

Within a few years they attracted players who were able, undoubtedly due to the skill of the manager, to bring the club from the fourth to the second division and eventualby to the play-offs and promo-tion to the first division, Mr Hubbard said. "But for the scandal being exposed Swin-don Town FC would undoubtedly have been in the first division of the Football

The trial continues today.

Duncan Munro-Kerr, for

er, of Clapham, south London, made £1,400 a month from his Nightshift club which brought together adults intent on group sex

Staff at the club, which was in premises on Clerkenwell Road, Farringdon, between June and September last year, encouraged visitors to indulge in sexual acts on the dance floor, the court was

The club was set up by Jackson in 1985 to cater for

A BUSINESSMAN who July about the noise last July held orgies at a London and two undercover officers - one male, one female were sent to investigate.

> the prosecution, said that police became concerned as it appeared to them that people were travelling from far away to indulge in sex acts in a nightclub. The sex sessions were stopped when, as a result of the surveillance, uniformed police raided the club on September 4 last year, the court was told.

Jackson was arrested at the scene with his girl friend Les-ley Sharrock and Alan Shaier, the club disc jockey. Shaier, 36, a taxi driver, from Edgware, north London, and Sharrock, 43, pleaded not guilty to keeping a disorderly house and were bound over in the sum of £50 for 12 months.

Jackson, who closed the club after the raid, pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping a disorderly house. He was also ordered to pay £350 towards

Jackson: "The activities over which you presided would ple's idea of public decency."

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£500 fine on death driver attacked

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

ROAD safety campaigners last night criticised as inadequate the £500 in fines on a driver who knocked down and killed a father of six. They joined the dead man's widow in condemning the punishment given to the driver who knocked David Button off his bicycle, stopped, looked at the body and then

Noreen Button said that the fines and one year driving ban imposed on Michael Thomas was "a small amount compared with the life of my husband". Mrs Button, whose children are aged between 18 months and 13 years, added: "I do not know whether a prison sentence is what I wanted but it would have been better than this." The family is planning to bring a civil action against Thomas, 46, an unem-

ployed electrician, over the accident near Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. The Crown Prosecution Service defended its decision not to charge Thomas with causing death by reckless driving an offence carrying a maximum five year prison sentence, because it had been decided that there

was insufficient evidence.

Thomas, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, admitted driving without due care and attention, driving without insurance, failing to stop for and failing to report an accident. Yesterday he was fined £200 for careless driving, £100 for driving without insurance and banned from driving for six months, and was fined £200 and banned for 12 months for failing to stop after an accident, all bans to run concurrently. His licence was endorsed for failing to

report the accident. George Adonis, for the prosecution, told Beaconsfield Magistrates Court that Thomas stopped his car and looked at the body of Mr Button as it lay on the verge. He moved aside the cycle Mr Button, 34, had been riding and drove off. He went to the police the next day and said he was not concentrating on his driving at the time of the accident. He admitted picking up the cycle but denied seeing the body.

Richard Blake, for the defence, said

that Thomas had been driving his son's

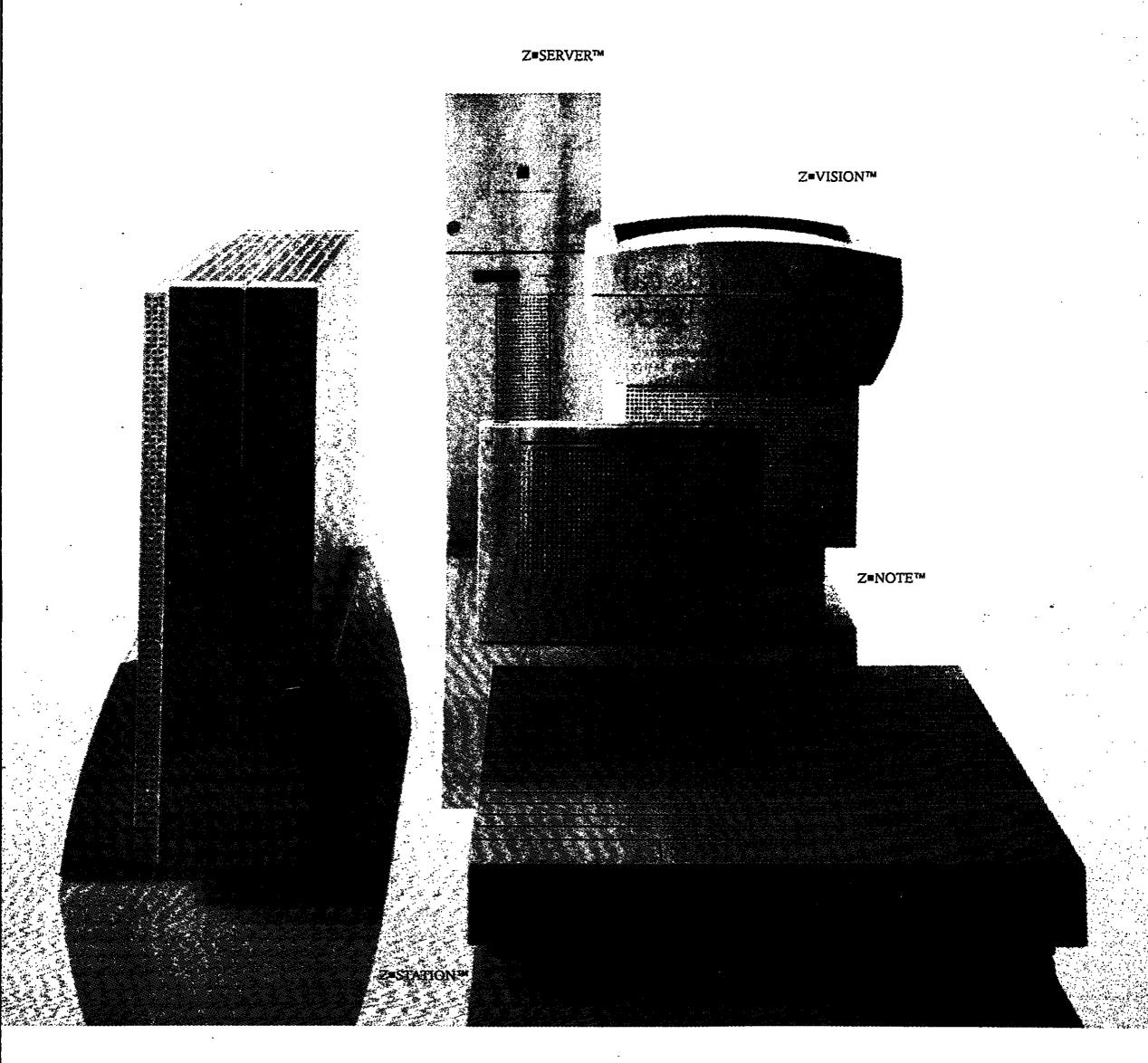
car and was thinking about his separa-

tion from his wife and difficulties at work at the time of the accident. Last night the government was urged by road safety campaigners to

introduce tougher penalties for people convicted of causing death by dangerous driving, as suggested by Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice. Don Mitchard, of Action for Victims of Irresponsible Driving, said: "The maximum sentence should be at least ten years. People should know that if they kill someone they will face a long prison sentence. They are involved in the taking of human life".

Concern over sentences which do not appear to fit the seriousness of the crime has resulted in changes to the law, which come into effect next month. A new offence of causing death by dangerous driving will carry a maximum penalty of five years' jail, a minimum two-year driving ban, mandatory retaking of the driving test and an unlimited fine. The new offence re-places the existing reckless driving ofence and requires only that bad driving be demonstrated through its consequences rather than by establishing a driver's intentions.

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Complaints force closure of 700 premium rate phone lines



Blom-Cooper: endorses majority of services

A RECORD number of com-plaints about 0898 premium telephone lines were made last year. including a 500 per cent rise in complaints about bogus job advertisements. Nearly 700 lines were forced to close.

The annual report of the Independent Committee for the superision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, published yesterday, showed that more than 6,700 complaints were received, an increase of 45 per cent on the previous year. In many cases, elephone owners were misled into ringing premium rate numbers. at a cost of 48p a minute for peak

Brenda Dean, of the Graphical, Paper and Media Union and a member of the committee, said that bogus job advertisements were cited in 13 per cent of all complaints. One advertisement cited in the report gave the impression that the caller would be recruited to work from home. A pre-recorded message on the premium rate number told callers that the work was no more than earning commission by persuading other people to ring the same Such services were highlighted

in The Times earlier this year.

when an advertisement for film extras turned out to give only advice on becoming an extra and offered to place callers on a register. Callers on the premium rate number were told: "The procedure for becoming a film extra is quite simple. You need to find out which agencies are recruiting. This information can usually be found out in directories, entertainment publications and from es-

Callers angered by bogus telephone advents, costing them up to 48p a minute, are demanding tough controls. Peter Victor reports

tablished companies. Your local library can be of great help."

Mrs Dean said that, in one case investigated, the committee asked for corroboration of the jobs said to be on offer. "We received application forms of successful applicants. We couldn't contact any of them. Several appeared to have been filled in by the same person and one suggested that the person was still at school, not university, at the age of 27. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, the

committee's chairman, said that the majority of the services were useful, informative and valuable. However, the committee ordered the closure of 689, ordered

changes to a further 373 and demanded that 839 advertisements for the services be withdran or amended.

More than £500,000 was paid in compensation to complainants whose telephones were used to call sex services or group chatlines, which were closed two months ago. Sir Louis said that the increased number of complaints suggested greater public confidence in the committee.

The premium telephone services industry, pioneered by advertisements for telephone sex lines in some tabloid newspapers and by the operators of chatlines. is worth £200 million a year. It information service. Callers pay 48p a minute at peak rate, or 36p off-peak, of which the companies providing the services keep about half. The rest goes to the telephone company. Some companies operating the lines are now trying to find loopholes in rules governing

the industry, the report says.

The number of complaints about competition, entertainment and sales promotion services using the premium rate numbers also increased. One ruse involved an answering machine message which asked people to ring another premium rate number. The recorded messages were sometimes of apparently deaf people, in an effort to stop callers

from hanging up.
There were 500 complaints about delays in the recorded messages on some services. On sports results services, for instance, callers sometimes had to listen to a ten-minute match report before getting the score.

Misleading advertisements were also a problem, the report said. One mail advertisment told readers that they would win a car. £5,000, a diamond watch or a colour television if they rang a premium-rate number. Callers heard a lengthy promotion for a water purifying system and were then awarded a watch, if they sent £15. Action by the committee led to the removal of the "service".

About 134,000 people in areas with digital exchanges have arranged to have access to premium rate numbers barred from their telephones. The committee operates a free complaints line on 0800 500 212.

Rangers did not murder Julie Ward. assessors say

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

the judge, Kenya's longest serving high court jurist, yes-

terday took issue with the

circumstantial evidence led

The burnt remains of Miss

Ward, 28, were found hacked

to pieces in an isolated grove

nia border on September 13

1988, seven days after she

had disappeared during a

120-mile return journey from

the Masai Mara reserve to

Nairobi. The rangers were

arrested in January last year

after a nine-month investiga-

tion into the killing by Scot-

land Yard, who were called in

after Kenyan police had in-sisted that Miss Ward had

committed suicide or been

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Makallah, chief game war-

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murder. All three had taken

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THE trial of two Masai game rangers accused of the murder of British tourist Julie Ward in 1988 reached a dramatic last act vesterday when three independent assessors said they believed the rangers were not guilty.

The assessors also criticized Scotland Yard and the Kenyan police for allegedly failing to investigate fully three other suspects whom they named as the likely murderers.

Judge Fidahussein Abdullah will deliver the verdict on Peter Metui Kipeen, 26, and Jonah Tajeu Magiroi, 28, next Monday.

In Kenya, judges are in no way bound by the opinion of the three assessors who do not act in the same capacity as a jury. But in his summing up,

Suicide pact adds to Beachy Head toll

BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLICE were yesterday investigating a suicide pact between a mother and daughter after they plunged to their deaths from Beachy Head in East Sussex on Sunday. Their deaths came just six hours after the body of a man was discovered at the foot of the cliff and brought to 14 the number of people who have died at Britain's most notorious suicide spot this year.

A police spokesman said:
"We have come to expect about two dozen suicides from Beachy Head each year but I don't think we have ever had three in one day. One of the women was in her 50s and the other in her 20s and we believe they were a mother and daughter who had agreed on some sort of suicide

For the desperate people who drive to Beachy Head determined to end their lives there is one last hope - a telephone box installed at the request of the Samaritans. Next to the phone the Samaritans have put up a sign with saying they are always available, day and night.

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One Samaritan worker at the Eastbourne branch said: "The phone box has proved to be very effective and I would say it has saved lives. When people ring us from Beachy Head they have come to some conclusion that maybe they don't want to take their lives and that they want to put things in perspective and look at the other things in life. Conversations with people at Beachy Head are often very lengthy and sometimes we invite people to the centre and stay up all night with them. If they ask us we will travel to the headland to talk to them."

Some people who travel to Beachy Head are so determined to take their lives they ignore the phone. The Samarnan worker said: "One must just wonder what is going on in the mind of people who travel long distances to end their lives over

the headland." Beachy Head is one of a number of spots where the Samaritans have put up signs to deter people from committing suicide. The other places are Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol and at railway crossings in Southport and Cambridge.

Industrial fishing **'starves** sea birds'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

UNCONTROLLED catching of fish for industrial use is depleting stocks of spe-cies eaten by humans and causing the starvation of sea birds and other animals, according to an unusual alli-ance of fishermen and wildlife conservationists. Such fishing must be curbed, they say, until more is known about its effect on the marine ecosystem.

Greenpeace wants the government to use its presi-dency of the European Com-munity to press for a ban on industrial fishing in the North Sea. "There is little public awareness that as much 50 per cent by weight of all fish taken from the North Sea is not for human consumption." Greenpeace said. "The government has a unique opportunity to in-fluence the EC and stop this

Concern about the scale of eaten by wild animals.
The assessors, Sammy industrial fishing is shared by the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisat-Kwallah, John Leparakuo and Simon Wanyaga, said ions and the Royal Society that Scotland Yard had failed for the Protection of Birds. to investigate properly sus-They say a blanket ban is politically unrealistic and fapects working at the Sand River Gate, where Miss Ward vour a reduction in industriwas last seen alive packing ai catches and local no-go zones for such fishing. They said that three other

Henry McCubbin, Labour Scotland, said he strongly supported tighter controls on industrial fishing. "In 1989 British vessels landed 751,000 tonnes of fish while Denmark, which is a tenth the size of Britain, landed 1.9 million tonnes, of which 1.5 million were for industrial purposes."

John Gummer, the fisheries minister, though sympa-thetic to the case against "Ward was murdered by a person or persons in the Mara," Mr Leparakuo said industrial fishing, has been in court yesterday. "It is my opinion that Makallah, Nchoko and Karori know reluctant to press the Danes too hard. Denmark was allocated a small share of edible fish quotas when the commore than what they told us mon fisheries policy was set in the course of the proceedings."
Salim Dhanji, the prosecutor privately hired to handle

be turned into fish meal, used in animal feed and fertiliser, and oil, used in mak-

not be coming back to carry on the investigations." Mr Dhanji said. "He is satisfied that the men in the dock were his daughter's murderers and that she was most definitely at Mr Ward said after the summing up: "I have not yet decided whether I shall carry than two-thirds. on with this case. I suppose



Twin peaks: Harry and Max Freud, 5, of Battersea, trying on a selection of the BBC television costumes auctioned by Bonhams in London yesterday

Troops in **Cyprus** accused of bullying

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU in Nicosia

ALLEGATIONS of bullying among British troops serving in Cyprus are at the centre of a series of courts martial beginning on the island today. The accused include those making the allegations.

All six soldiers facing trial are from the 1st Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters, which prides itself as a family regi-ment whose intake is mainly from Worcestershire. Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Privates Byron Shaun Dent and Patrick Stephen Mark Callaghan, both 19, who generated considerable publicity in Britain last year with claims that they feared brutal treatment, are charged with causing actual bodily harm to another soldier, going absent without leave and insubordination. They are being charged in four of the seven trials which are expected to last two weeks.

Today, in the first trial at the courts martial centre on Episkopi garrison, they face charges of being violent and abusive to NCOs while in custody. They are also accused of trying to blackmail the army into giving them two weeks' leave by threatening to give evidence at Belfast Crown Court that terrorist on inai assaulted in custody.

Pts Dent and Callaghan could be given dishonourable discharges if found guilty. Since going absent without leave in October, they have been remanded in custody on

the total spent by British business on travel, it still cost companies £4.5 billion.

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Further savings of at least

£1.8 billion a year could be

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lowed a strict travel and ex-

penses policy which, it claims,

would still enable the same

number of staff to travel to important meetings without a

reduction in the standard of

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British Rail vesterday

admitted that it is losing reve-

nue on trains between Bar-

row and Ulverstone in

Cumbria because guards are often too frightened to at-

tempt to collect fares from

home-going drunken row-

dies. Police may now travel on

late trains to ensure that fares

can be collected in safety.

can Express says.

Many companies are not

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NEWS IN BRIEF

minister jailed A former Welsh minister who defrauded three Scottish tam-

ilies of thousands of pounds after offering to help them adopi Romanian children was jailed for nine months yesterday. Robert Blair, 39, a former Elim Pentacostal minister, of Porth, Mid Glamorgan, had

been found guilt at Aberdeen Sherift Court of three charges of defrauding the families of a total of The court had been told

that Blair, who claimed to know the Romanian health minister, asked for money for expenses to help them to adopt Romanian children. None managed to adopt a child as a result of his actions. Sheriff Douglas Risk said he accepted that Blair had previously been of good char-

ing with the deepest emotions that people can feel". Three killed in lorry crash

acter but he had been "play-

Three people died and three others were injured after a lorry struck two cars on the A420 Oxford to Swindon road near Faringdon, Oxfordshire. One of the injured, a girl aged five, is said to be in

a critical condition The tanker, carrying powdered coment, ended up in a ditch. The three dead, who have not been named, are believed to have been in a Ford Escort. The other car was a Vauxhall Astra.

Safe landing

A pilot made an emergency landing at Manchester airport yesterday after his plane with 108 passengers on board burst a tyre on take-off. The Air-UK jet, bound for Minorca, had to circle for two hours to burn off fuel before landing safely. There was little damage to the plane or runway and the airport was closed for only ten minutes.

Murder charge

A father and son appeared before Milton Keynes magistrates accused of murdering Robert McCubbin, a window cleaner, at his home in Milton Keynes on Saturday. John Baille, 45, was remanded in custody until July 1 and his son Kenneth, 17, was remanded in custody until June 24.

Bentley gutted

A green 1953 4.5-litre Bentley worth £100,000 was found burnt out after it was stolen and used as a getaway car in a raid on a warehouse in Verwood, Dorset. The ear, one of six left in the world. had been left in the warehouse while the owner was on holiday.

Lost marble

A diving team has been called in to find an 18in marble ball weighing more than 200lb after it was pushed off an ornamental fountain in the grounds of Tamworth Castle. Staffordshire, and landed in the river Anker.

Judge in civvies

Judge Richard Jenkins conducted the day's business at Grimsby Crown Court in civilian clothes after leaving his wig and robes in Lincoln.

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Firms economise by cutting air travel BUSINESSMEN are turning to road and rail to cut costs as air travel becomes an expensive and dispensable luxury. The amount spent by companies on air travel fell by £1.2 billion over the past two years while rail travel costs

rose by £800 million and

spending on motor fuel in-creased by £450 million, ac-

cording to a survey by

The recession forced many

more companies to review the

cost of sending staff on busi-

ness trips at home or abroad.

The survey of more than 400

companies throughout the

country showed that in 1991.

tighter control of travel ex-

penses led to an overall reduc-

tion of almost £2 billion in

travel related expenses, in-

cluding hotels and

British businessmen spent

£265 million less on car rent-

al, £204 million less on enter-

tainment, paid £400 million

American Express.

up, and Britain might have to give up some of its fish quota to the Danes if indus-trial fishing were cut back. Denmark is the biggest harvester of industrial fish. The main species caught are sand-eel, Norway pout and horse mackerel. Mashed to a pulp in factories, they can

ing margarine, cosmetics, paint, candles and polish. Industrial species are a basic food for cod, haddock and other fish eaten by humans. The North Sea spawning stock of mature cod has fallen by more than half over the past decade and that of haddock by more

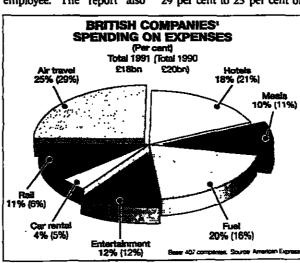
Net losses, gross destruction: European fisheries in crisis (Greenpeace, Canonbury Villas, Islington, London NI 2PN; £2.50)

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

less for food and £900 million less at hotels. In spite of the cut-backs, British companies still spent £18 billion on travel related expenses for their staff last year, equivalent to 6.6 per cent of their total business costs or almost £1,000 per employee. The report also

shows the growing importance of women in business life. In 1991 17 per cent of all British business travellers were women compared with II per cent in 1989. Although air travel has fallen in the past two years from

29 per cent to 25 per cent of BRITISH COMPANIES' SPENDING ON EXPENSES (Per cent) Total 1991 (Total 1990



until we actually get the verdict." Campaign seeks end to 'brutal' trade in primates



Caged: many apes face a slow, painful death

As few as two in ten of the monkeys captured in the wild in Indonesia, the Philippines and the rain forests of South East Asia survive to reach their destination, according to a year long study by the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV). The animals die from disease, are killed during trapping slaughtered and eaten having been deemed unsuitable, or starve to death in cramped

storage and transporation cages.

The group has also infiltrated one British laboratory and assessed experiments on primates which they say show an unacceptable level of suffering. Many experiments are not necessary nor strictly for medical re-

The BUAV is demanding an end to

dures) Act 1986 to do tests on primates. Under the Convention on

International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) a licence is needed to import primates. India used to be the largest exporter, providing thousands of rhesus monkeys to overseas laboratories un-

til it banned the trade in 1978. Now the long-tailed macaque is the most sought-after primate for research. Most are captured in Indonesia and the Philippines and Mauritius where the widespread destruction of their natural habitat is threatening their survival. Other primates used in lab-oratories include baboons, green tured from the wild in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sanati

pia, Somalia and Senegal.
Under the slogan "Torn from the

Steve McIvor, the campaign's di-rector, said "Our investigation has uncovered a massive and brutal trade in primates for research which consumes the lives of tens of thousands of monkeys every year. The campaign to save these monkeys from a journey of misery ending in a painful

Gill Langley, scientific consultant. said the assessments of some re-search on primates which had been published showed that experiments were unnecessary, and often not for strictly medical research.

Primates are used for vaccine production, transplant research, toxicity testing, neurophysiology, drug efficacy and work on brain disorders such as Parkinson's disease. The

group intends to use its assessement of work done at named laboratories as part of its campaign. Mr McIvor said they were merely finding a wider audience for material already

statement responding to the campaign, said that the research on primates had been vital in developing polio vaccine and treating hepatitis, malaria and leprosy. Work was now being done into Alzheimer's disease. Parkinson's disease, cancer and diabetes where primates were used only

where absolutely necessary. The statement said that the profession would prefer to use specifically bred primates if they were available. On the allegations of abuse in the laboratory they called on the govern-ment to investigate the claims. "Un-fortunately, BUAV have made dozens of similar allegations over the years. all of which have been investigated and turned out to be gross exaggera

wild to die in the lab" the group will the importation of primates caught conduct a nationwide campaign inin the wild or bred in the country of cluding public meetings, national advertising, a petition to be presented A CAMPAIGN to end the importing origin and an end to experiments on of thousands of primates each year primates. At present, scientists have to the government and lobbying the into Britain for use in laboratories at to get a Home Office project licence published.
The Research Defence Society, in a Home Office and environment deunder the Animals (Scientific Procehome and abroad was launched yes partment.

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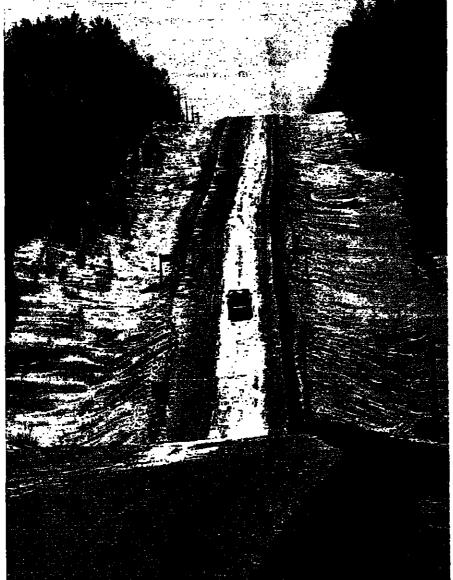
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Kinnock's heirs divided over electoral change

By Robin Oakley, political editor

CANDIDATES for Labour's leadership and deputy leadership are sharply divided on questions of electoral reform.

Margaret Beckett, sharing the so-called "dream ticket" with John Smith as a deputy leadership candidate, says that it is "unquestionably true" that any move on electoral reform by Labour would be interpreted as defeatist. Her rival Bryan Gould says of such an argument: "It is gar-bage." He declares: "It is about time we had the courage to argue for what we believed in, rather than end-

lessly anguish about image". The candidates were questioned about their attitudes by the Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform, which posed five detailed questions. John Prescott, a deputy leadership candidate, ducked the detail, replying in a single paragraph that he welcomed the Plant committee enquiry into electoral reform and would determine his attitude when it had reported.

John Smith, the clear favourite to win the leadership. answered in general terms, warning of the dangers of a "gentle slide" into a one-party state. He insisted: "I do not



MP told off for royal criticism

The Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, clashed with Labour MPs when one spoke at question time of "the monarch's private greed". Miss Boothroyd told Harry Cohen, Labour MP for Leyton, to withdraw the comment and she said that no criticism of any individual member of the royal family could be made other than on a substantive motion.

But Dennis Skinner Bolsover, Labi asked: "Ho big is the royal family? How many people aren't we allowed to criticise? Is Fergie still in it? Will Diana be in it in another three months?

The exchange arose when Mr Cohen said that the estates of people from Lancashire, the Duchy of Lancaster, who died intestate went directly to the Queen. But William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy, said that such money, far from going to the Queen or the Treasury, went to local charities.

Jobs package

A £28 million investment package creating up to 840 new jobs across Wales was announced by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, during Commons questions. The projects involve 13 companies whose businesses range from automotive products to food processing and from manufacturing plastic mouldings to handling motor insurance claims.

Donors sought

The department of health is mounting a seminar in September to look at ways of increasing the number of organs donated for transplants, Tom Sackville, health under secretary, said in a written reply.

Out of service

The number of civil servants continues to fall, according to figures given in a written reply from Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary. In October last year there were 561,903, down from 585, 155 five years earlier and down from 655,043 in October 1982.

Class roll

Provisional figures for January show that there were 354,400 full-time qualified teachers in the maintained sector in England, Eric Forth, an education minister, said.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Education: prime minister. Boundary Commissions bill, completion of committee stage.

Debate on members' interest.

Lords (2.30): Debates on

identity carris and on the

Earth summit.

accept that it is defeatist that the Labour party should fully examine the issue of electoral reform." He added that participation in the Plant committee's work should be extended to representatives of other parties such as the Liberal Democrats. But he rejected the idea of asking the committee to speed up its report on voting systems for the House of Commons in time for consideration at this year's party conference.

Mr Smith said in his re-sponse to the electoral reform campaign's enquiries that the only condition on which he insisted in reviewing the electoral system was preservation of the single member constituency. "I am therefore not favourably inclined to the STV [single transferable vote] system of large multi-mem-ber constituencies but recog-nise that such a link could be retained in an added member

The two candidates who ave detailed replies to the five questions were Ms Beckett and Mr Gould. Both supported cross-party membership of the electoral systems enquiry and Mr Gould said that it should look too at the creation of regional government, devolution and a new autonomy for local government. He suggested administration of the project by

the reform group Charter 88. Mr Gould said that the Plant committee should report early on the electoral system for the Commons, Ms Beckett that it should give priority to the European

moves on electoral systems by Labour would be used "ruthlessly" by others to claim Labour defeatism. Mr Gould said that if there was a case for change it should be argued on its merits, whatever the risk to Labour's image.

Asked about the advantage of proportional representation, such as the additional member system, Ms Beckett said that the main merit would be the retention of single member constituencies. Mr Gould said that leader-ship candidates should not try to pre-empt the conclusions of the Plant committee but argued that it was unlikely Labour would adopt a change abolishing the single member constituency link.

In reply to the question:
"Can you see any justification for retaining the present vot-ing system?" Ms Beckett argued that the present system was broadly proportional easy to understand and "allows the electorate not the elite to choose the government". She said that that constituted an "overwhelming" case for retaining first past the post for a legislative

Ms Becket added that the electorate would have to be consulted in a referendum by a government proposing to

change the system.

Mr Gould said more cautiously that as a member of the Plant committee he could see arguments for and But he added that he was pleased to see the party adopt a proportional system for parliament. Scotland and the Ms Beckett counselled that London authority. Scotland and the Greater

Shadow budget gets blame for defeat

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE shadow budget was the deals it calls for a "new conbiggest vote loser in Labour's general election campaign, according to a report published yesterday which will fan the flames of the current

row about the election defeat. The paper from the Labour Coordinating Committee, an influential left-of-centre group within the party, which includes Bryan Gould and Robin Cook, said the campaign was "an object lesson in how to make the worst possible use of our assets."

John Smith's shadow budget set the agenda but it appeared to place a cap on people's aspirations regard-less of their existing levels of earnings, argues the report. "It is the electorate's expectations of life under a Labour government which is important, not of calculations of immediate benefit." It points out that the pledges on child benefit and pensions boxed in the party, making it difficult to promise a substantial impact on health, education or

the economy. The critical report, Beyond defeat: Labour's road to re-newal, concludes: "Our choice may be - never govern or never govern on our own again." Although it gives no overt backing to pre-election

sensus" among the electorate based on a convergence of

centre left political forces." Criticism is once again directed at the party's spin docdown, colluding in the endless round of poll-obsessed sound bites and mindless photo-opportunities which numbed the voters and made the whole thing a gigantic turn-off," says the group. It argues that it is unacceptable for key individuals to set the

Paul Thompson, one of the authors, said that by replacing Margaret Thatcher with John Major, the Tories had removed at a stroke Labour's essential message "Time for a. change". In the absence of any clear Labour strategy the policy differences between the two parties appeared to narrow. "Entry into the ERM drastically reduced many economic policy options with the result that we appeared to be arguing only about details

ith other parties." With the citizens' charter adopting some of Labour's clothes on public sector policies the party was left with "old-fashioned doses of welfarism" in its pledges to raise pensions and child benefit.



Labour backs maternity reforms

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair, the shadow employment secretary, yesterday challenged the government to support an EC proposal which would give women 14 weeks' maternity

leave on 80 per cent pay.

The proposal, which will be put forward at the EC social affairs council meeting in Luxembourg tomorrow, together with the 48hour working week plan, has been supported by the European parliament and the Commission. It amends a compromise motion on linking maternity pay with statutory sick pay which was discussed at the council's last meeting.

"There are hundreds of thousands of working women in Britain that would gain from the directive, and I really do not see why we in Britain should be treated less fairly at the workplace than our European counterparts." Mr Blair

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, is expected to argue for the compromise motion which would give women earning £190 a week £52.50 a week and those earning less than this £45.30 a week This proposal, which was

lotte Street, central London, er resources than the large

six weeks at 90 per cent of pay, if women have worked for two years at the same company, and 12 weeks of statutory maternity pay of Women who have been

present maternity benefit of

employed for between 26 weeks and two years are entitled to 18 weeks at £46.30 provided they earn enough to pay national insurance contributions. Under EC regulations, no country would be able to implement lower benefits than it has at the moment.

Mr Blair was joined by two pregnant MEPs, one

Danish and one English. Carole Tongue, MEP for London East, contrasted her entitlement for materni-

Award recognises women's work

women, and one in three senior managers is female. newspaper. The commercial television Yve New

agreed by all council minis-

ters in December last year.

would cost "well under £100

million" according to the

employment department.

Britain abstained from the

proposal on the principle

that it was subject to quali-

fied majority voting, rather

than on policy grounds, the department said.

ment to the proposal, ap-proved last month, women

would get £152 a week. The plan, which is unlikely to get majority backing, would cost an extra £500 million in

Britain. It would be a signif-

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MORE than half of Channel which is sponsoring the panies with more than 500 4's 443 employees are event, together with British employees went to Rz : Xerox, whose headquart are its 4,800 employees, 1,426 were female and one in 12

ty leave with Kirsten Jensen, the MEP for Copenhagen. Mrs Jensen said that she was entitled to four weeks leave before the birth and 24 weeks after at 90 per cent of earnings. Danish fathers are entitled to up to ten weeks' parental leave. "Tomorrow will be a cru-

cial test of the government's commitment to the right of women to work and bring up a family," Mr Blair said.

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received its award at the UK corporations." London Business School,

A separate award for com- from 31 entrants.

employees went to Rs : Xein Uxbridge, Middles ... Of channel, which has three of the judges and company were female and one in 12 women directors and pays secretary of Hanson Pk. Senior managers were 50 of its women staff more said: "Channel 4... shows a women. Rank Xerox had "Channel 4... shows a women. Rank Xerox had "Channel 4... shows a women." 50 of its women staff more said: "Channel 4... shows a women. Rank Xerox had than £50,000 a year, yesterday won the new national fostering career progress for measures with its equal op-"Women in Business Award women employees. Our portunities policy, has and is achieving formidable results", Mrs Newbold said. The winners were chosen

meet hostility at work BY TIM JONES

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THE government is being urged to change the law to protect women who become pregnant. A report by the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux shows that some employers will go to extraordinary lengths to evade their responsibilities under the law.

At present, a women who has been employed continnously by the same employer for two years, if she works more than 16 hours a week, is protected against dismissal on the grounds of pregnancy. Such a dismissal is automatically unfair.

Women with less than two years' service are particularly vulnerable as they do not have clear protection. The only avenue open to them is to claim unfair dismissal for sex discrimination.

One firm, today's report says, dismissed a women with two and a half years' service by going into liquidation. When it started trading again it did not re-employ her although it took back other people who had worked there for less time.

The report says: "CAB evidence ... demonstrates that some employers are still dismissing pregnant employees and that some employers' attitudes to pregnancy can be at best unenlightened

and, at worst, hostile. Citizens' Advice Bureaux throughout the country, the report says, are worried by the increasing number of women dismissed because of pregnancy when they have less than two years' service. One women in the North East was dismissed as a care attendant by the proprietor of a residential home, who told her: "It isn't very nice having someone with a big belly working here."

The report criticises the protection offered to women under the Sex Discrimination Act and says the uncertainty of success coupled ith the emotional stress and trauma discourages many mothers to be.

CAB says the government should implement its manifesto commitment to protect against dismissal on the grounds of pregnancy by Protection (Consolidation) nant women who has worked for less than two years to pursue a claim for unfair dismissal.

Ministers braced for pay outcry

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOWNING Street yesterday confirmed that the prime minister is expected to receive the report of the Top Salaries Review Board chaired by Sir David Nickson on his return from the Lisbon European Council at the weekend.

The report will first be considered by Mr Major and by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, be-

fore going to cabinet. With the report expected to recommend pay increases of 30 per cent and more for 2,000 top civil servants. judges and military personnel, ministers are resigned to a political outcry when the government has been seeking to keep pay deals in line with the 4.3 per cent rate of inflation. Implementing the expected

recommendations in full could cost around £150 million a year. Although the board has to consider both comparability with the private sector and the problems of recruiting and retaining the best talents for public service, the government is not arguing that there is any particular brain drain away from Whitehall in the present

recession Downing Street emphasised yesterday that it was the board, not the government, which had suggested the deferment of the report until after the general election.

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, said yesterday: "There is no way the government can maintain a credible stance on wage restraint if it approves a 30 per cent increase for the highest paid people in the public sector having condoned excessive directors' pay increases in the private mo-

nopolies The government has brought these problems about by its failure to implement a strong competition

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£760 million in 1991, a 35.4 per cent increase on the previous year, prompting a demand for radical changes from the chairman of the Solicitors, he said in the

18 per cent in bills paid for

John Pitts, the board chair-man, said: "Only radical

of standard fees for lawyers in place of the present system of hourly rates. These would enable greater control of costs, he said. The present system of "taxing" (assessing) bills after the work was done could not control costs. "We have demonstrated substantial improvements in legal aid administration. Unless better management is achieved throughout the process of justice, costs will go on rising."

help. But there were other factors, among them the higher average cost per legal aid case, which was double the rate of inflation.

report, were also suffering from the recession. "They appear to be striving to im-prove their cash flows by speeding up both cases and their claims for payment and by seeking legal aid work to replace work lost in other fields, such as conveyancing." The largest rise in costs was

in criminal legal aid in magistrates' courts where net spending was £286 million, some £59 million or 25.8 per cent over 1990/1. Civil pro-ceedings accounted for £241 million and family proceedings £192 million. In the past five years, the amount of payments to solici-

tors out of the legal aid fund has doubled while the number of practices doing legal aid work was said to have reduced. "This substantial increase in turnover for legal aid practices could have led to greater efficiency and lower average costs. This has not happened," Mr Pitts said.

He accepted that the improved administration and productivity achieved at the board had itself fuelled costs, because of the larger throughput of bills, with 89 per cent of magistrates courts bills paid in six weeks; and 86 per cent of applications decided in four weeks compared with 45 per cent in four weeks when the board took over legal aid in 1989.

☐ Some 60 cases of suspected legal aid fraud are being investigated by the bourd's full-time team of investigators, the annual report disclosed.

Six solicitors face charges of defrauding the fund and another 29 cases are being investigated by the police. The cases represented only a small proportion of solicitors doing legal aid work but were "nevertheless disturbing". It



Bewigged, bothered and bewildered: barristers' traditional courtroom attire comes under fire

Courtroom dress in the dock

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY code. Lord Mackay was

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, yesterday underlined his commitment to the widest possible review of what he termed the extremely important question" of whether lawyers' wigs and gowns should be

He said that the Queen would be consulted before any changes were made to legal sartorial traditions dating back more than two centuries. "The monarch has an important interest in these matters and in due course account will have to be taken of that."

Lord Mackay told peers that the consultation paper being prepared on court dress would involve groups representing all parties in contact with courts, including those who had appeared in the dock. He hoped that the consultation process would interest those outside the legal profession because the important aspect of the review was the effect of lawyers' dress on the public.

He refused to be drawn on

his personal views on the

subject which has divided

the legal profession and prompted Lord Taylor, the

Lord Chief Justice, to sup-

port alteration of the dress

speaking after a spirited Lords debate in which several senior lawyers, including Lord Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, called for the traditional court costume to be retained. Lord Campbell of Alloway, a former Crown Court recorder, told peers that wigs assisted the judges' sense of

isolation which was essential to retain the authority and dignity of the judiciary. He said that the Queen might have to be consulted, as had William IV when bishops had wanted to remove their wigs in 1832. Referring to those who claimed that lawyers' dress made the profession pompous, Lord Campbell said: "Pomposity is a chronic occupational disease of the lawyer to a lesser

or greater extent." Lord Donaldson said that the essence of wearing robes or uniform was to distinguish the wearer from other people, and wigs and gowns perform that quite admirably". Wigs might have the advantage of giving anonymity, showing the judge to be representing society, rather than simply himself. He accepted that they were often objects of mirth, quoting one

reference to them being 'giant pan scourers". Lord Brightman, a former

Lord of Appeal, said that the wig had "survived as a picturesque custom" since the days of Louis IV and argued that it is in no sense an anachronism". The need for judges and advocates to be seen as officers of the courts had brought him "firmly and decisively" on the side of not changing the system.

Lord Ackner, a Lord of Appeal, said it was "vitally important" that judges wore wigs for the anonymity and the security they gave. Some judges in Australia had abandoned wigs and gowns but reverted to them after two had been shot by angry litigants.

Lord Annan, the noted academic and Labour peer, said that he was in favour of gowns but against wigs which he said were "ludicrous". He accused lawyers of being reluctant to change a single part of their profession

Lord Richard, Labour home affairs spokesman and a QC. said he had always disliked wearing wigs as they were "insanitary and ex-tremely hot" and tended to

Cost of legal aid jumps to £760m

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL aid cost the taxpayer

Legal Aid Board. The record bill, which rose by seven times last year's average rate of inflation, was announced in the board's annual report yesterday alongside an unprecedented rise of 19 per cent in civil legal aid certificates issued and of

advice work. The board is predicting that spending in 1992-3 will rise to £890 million. The current provision is only £682 million, and the board says that it will have to apply for a supplementary provision.

changes to some aspects of the legal aid scheme can prevent the cost to the taxpayer continuing to rise at substantially above the rate of growth of national income." He singled out the need for

better management practice in solicitors' firms, courts, and other agencies involved with legal aid spending. Public money was being paid into a system which was inefficiently run. "Good management is far too low a priority in the rest of the system," he Mr Pitts came out in favour

Most of the rise in costs could be attributed to increased volume of work and demand for the service, partly fuelled by the recession and the greater need for legal is predicted

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

MILLIONS of Israelis go to

the polls today in a general

election which is widely ex-

pected to see the re-emer-

gence of a national unity

government of the ruling Likud party and the main opposition Labour party. Yesterday thousands of ac-

tivists representing the 25 parties contesting the election

made final attempts to woo

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during a colleague's address. Both main parties have made peace and security the focus of their campaigns. Likud has promised to continue peace talks with Arab negotiators, but never to give up the territories occupied during the 1967 six-day war, which it considers part of the biblical Land of Israel. Labour has pledged to offer au-tonomy to the 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in exchange for peace, and to compromise with Syria over the Golan Heights. It has also vowed to halt "political settle-ments" in the occupied

Polls published yesterday showed that Likud is likely to

territories.

Shamir **Coalition of** puts faith left and right in caution

By RICHARD BEESTON

WHEN a local Likud party man recently introduced Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, to a crowd of right-wing supporters, the most flattering description he could muster was to compare his leader to a chunk of granite rock.

The comparison may not have made Mr Shamir any more attractive to Israeli vot-ers, but as the short, stocky

and he is seen as a trusted but

unimaginative leader. When Iraqi Scud missiles rained

down on Israel during the

Gulf war, Mr Shamir resisted

raeli forces into action. Later

last year, when the interna-

tional community and many

Israelis tried to squeeze con-cessions out of Mr Shamir in

the run-up to the Middle East

peace talks, he rejected any

Underlying this stubborn-

ness is a commitment to keep-ing and strengthening the land of Israel, including the

occupied territories, which

Mr Shamir has made it his

mission to settle with Jews.

His ideology has strained Is-

rael's relations with its closest

ally, America, damaged the economy and reduced the

wave of Jewish immigration

from the former Soviet Union

Born in Belorussia in 1915.

he emigrated to Palestine at the age of 20, an adherent of

Zeev Jabotinsky, the father of

Zionist Revisionism. He be-

came a leading member of

the Lehi underground group, which fought a guerrilla cam-

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However, even before the first ballot is cast in the thirfigure rose to the podium to deliver a defence of his eightteenth election in Israel's 44and a half-year leadership, it year history, the parties are was an appropriate physical analogy and a fair reflection concentrating their minds on the inevitable negotiations which will begin tomorrow to of his political legacy. Mr Shamir's tenure has decide which coalition allibeen marked by extreme cau-tion and resistance to change, ances stand the best chance of

forming a government. Although Labour can expect to win more than 40 sears it is unlikely to be able to form a majority with the left-wing Meretz party and the small Arab-oriented parties. Likud will be able at best to win a slim majority if it teams up again with the three rightwing parties and the three religious parties which formed the last government.

lose some seats in the 120-

seat parliament, and that dis-

affected supporters have been

hired away by extremist right-

wing parties opposed to con-

cessions to the Arabs, and by

Labour, which could emerge

as the biggest party in the

A national unity goverment of Labour and Likud seems the most likely outcome, unless there is an upset at the polls or some of the less predictable parties break with

Likud and join Labour.
The possibility of a Labour-Likud alliance was hinted at yesterday by Ehud Olmert, the health minister and one of Mr Shamir's closest advisers. He said: "You don't form a unity government as a matter of desire ... I think that Rabin will prefer to sit with me to sitting with (Meretz member) Yossi Sarid."

The prospects of a national unity government worries some Israelis who fear that key questions of national priority over the conduct of issues - the peace talks, economic reform and immi-gration of Russian Jews will not be tackled effectively by a government so divided ideologically.



Israel election: politicians ready for talking as Labour gains are expected



Power rivals: Yitzhak Shamir, left, Likud's leader, and his opponent, Labour's Yitzhak Rabin, who may become partners again in a national unity cabinet

Voters offered 25 answers

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

AN ARRAY of 25 parties awaits Israelis at the polls today, ranging from a rightwing extremist movement advocating "voluntary" removal of Palestinians to far-left Arab groups campaigning for a

Palestinian state.
At the heart of the election is the effort by the centre-left Labour Party to topple the populist Likud after four elecioral setbacks in succession. Neither Labour nor Likud has ever gained the 61 Knesset seats needed for a

majority and they are prepar-ing for coalition negotiations. Many parties, including the "Da" ethnic list of Russian immigrants and the "Natural Law" meditation party, are not expected to break the 1.5 per cent national vote threshold needed to enter the Knesset, Labour,

which led the country to independence in 1948 and ruled for the next three decades, was cast out primarily by Sephardi Jewish voters from Arab countries who viewed it

as elinist and corrupt.

Highlighting soaring unemployment and the adjustment woes of new Russian

PARTY LINE-UP immigrants, Labour is apply

ing those epithets to Likud. To the right of Likud, four parties that at times propped up the last coalition, are out-bidding one another in anti-Arab resentment and settlement zeal. The Moledet (Homeland) party wants to eliminate the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, by bussing the Palestinians to Jordan and other Arab countries.

Tehiya (Revival) and the National Religious party are willing to let Palestinians stay as long as they do not obstruct the settlement drive. Tsomet (Crossroads) is the party to watch on the right because it has not ruled out a coalition with Labour.

On the left, Merez (Energy), a grouping of three small that a Rabin-led government will be flexible in peace negotiations. Its young, secular voters also expect it to act against religious coercion by ultra-orthodox parties. On the far left, three Arab-oriented parties advocate Palestinian statehood. Two ultraorthodox parties, United Torah Jewry and Shas, a Sephardi ethnic party, are competing for the small minority

that observes ritual law.

Rabin tries personal

BY RICHARD BEESTON

touch

WHEN Yitzhak Rabin commanded Israeli forces during their lightning defeat of Arab armies in the six-day war in 1967, he learned that a successful campaign owes as much to the preparation for bante as the lighting.

That lesson has been used during the past month during the election campaign, as the Labour Party leader has

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taken his message to tens of thousands of voters in towns and villages across Israel. Personal contact is the key

to our victory." he said during meeting in Galilee with Labour Party activists. The military bearing, gravelly voice and humourless expres-

sion may not win voters seeking a magnetic personality, but after 15 years in opposition. Labour hopes that it will be enough to persuade floating voters to trust a former warrior turned statesman... Born in Jerusalem in 1922.

Mr Rabin fought in the British Army during the second world war against the Vichy forces in Syria and Lebanon. He was a commander in the Palmach, the pre-state elite Jewish army, and took part in the lighting for Jerusalem in 1947. He became chief of staff of the Israel Defence Force in 1964

His political career began as Israeli ambassador to Washington and he became prime minister in 1974. As defence minister, he brought Israeli forces out of Lebanon in 1985 and was responsible for the tough handling of the first years of the intifada.

Labour hopes that a presidential campaign in the American style will attract a wider following, particularly among immigrants and dis-affected Likud supporters. Mr Rabin has displayed character weaknesses. During the campaign he admitred a 24-hour physical and mental breakdown days before he led the forces in the 1967 victory.

PEOPLE

Disney art up for sale

The entire collection of 74 of Walt Disney's animation art owned by Canadiun Herb Black, will auctioned in New York "It's the most important collection of animation art ever to come on the market, says David Redden, a senior vicepresident at Sotheby's, the auction house retained by Black. The sale of 79 items is expected to yield about 5 million, according to Sotheby's, Mr Black paid a world record \$286,000 in 1989 for a single blackand-white slide from Disney's The Orphan's Bene-fit, a 1934 carroon that featured Donald Duck to the first time

Luciano Pavarotti, who was forced to cancel a concert in Isranbul two weeks ago because of strained vocal cords, received a standing evation at a ghttering performance that ended early yesterday. The 12,000-sear concert half was packed, with dignataries in the audience, including the Greek prime minister. Constantine Mitsotakis.

Boris Yeltsin, president of Russia, is expected to visit Saudi Arabia and Leyp: in July, his first official trip to the region as leader of the Russian republic. The visit will hous on Saud: investment and financial backing for industrial and oil projects in Russia.

Zahra Mostafavi, daughter of Iran's late revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, left for Azerbaijan with fellow leaders of Iran's Women's Society in order to discuss relations between the women's organisations in the two neighbouring Muslim countries.

Cost of legala jumps to £760

By FRANCES GIBB. 11 GALCORRESPON help But the

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Serb shell kills five in Sarajevo bank queue

FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN SARAJEVO

A MORTAR shell exploded in a crowd at a bank in central Sarajevo yesterday killing at least five people and wounding more than 40 others, including three children, according to a witness.

Radio Bosnia-Herzegovina reported that several other shells fell in the vicinity. The shell, which was fired from a position held by Bosnian Serbs on a hill near by, exploded only 150 yards from the scene of a similar incident on May 24 when 16 people were killed while queuing for bread. A total of 14 people died in mortar, artillery and sniper attacks in the centre of Sarajevo and its old city yes-terday. Serb bombardments were also reported in the historic Croatian port of Du-brovnik, and of another Adriatic town, Sibenik.

In the Sarajevo attack, a local television team filming



an art exhibition in the neighbourhood recorded the aftermath, including the anguished screams of bystanders. In one particularly harrowing scene a young woman in a yellow sweater and jeans lay face down on the pavement. Shrapnel had pierced her from neck to abdomen and she appeared to be dead. She had been waiting with others to withdraw money for food.

A man shouted: "This is

pure terror. These people meant no harm." Mr Arif Smajkic, chairman of the crisis headquarters in

IN AN act full of historical

irony, the French parliament retires to the palace of Ver-

sailles to reflect on the future

of Europe today while several

thousand riot police and

armoured cars try to stop a

small army of angry peasants

from blocking the gates of

about 2,500 tractors were

converging on the capital last

night in defiance of orders

from the local prefects to de-

sist from their plan to close

the main arteries in and out

of the city.

The police said they doubt-

ed that, with the high price of

petrol and the slow speed of

tractors, the organisers could

cause more than delays to

traffic. Rural Co-ordination,

the body running the "siege",

vowed to stop only when the

EC abandons its planned ag-

The desperation of the

farmers has cast a pall over

the special parliamentary session called in the splen-

dour of Louis XIV's palace to

bless changes in the constitu-

tion required by the Maas-

tricht treaty. President Mitterrand summoned the

special congress, only the

fourth in the 34-year history of the Fifth Republic, at short

notice last Friday after being

forced to back down in a

confrontation with the sen-

ate over the terms of the con-

cused him of staging a stunt

to strengthen his hand at the

Lisbon summit at the end of

the week. For the farmers and other opponents of

Maastricht, the nation's

largely pro-European polit-

ical elite are as out of touch

with the people as the old

Opposition leaders ac-

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The farmers claimed that

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FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

the Bosnian ministry of health, said: "People should be more careful. They have become too lax."

The shelling appeared to be yet another flagrant violation of a United Nations ceasefire agreement and is sure to bring further criticism and condemnation down on the Bosnian Serb leadership which had been making progress in regaining the confi-dence of UN mediators.

A UN official said: "They have to know that we are watching them. The fact that they have responded with full artillery on civilian targets after getting a few showers of machinegun fire is complete ly out of proportion."

Brigadier General Lewis

Mackenzie, commander of the UN forces, was meeting President Izetbegovic of Bosnia at the time of the mortar attack. He went later to the Bosnian Serb military headquarters at the Lukavica bar-racks to seek an explanation of the firing.

Many observers agree that people had become more relaxed recently, perhaps out of a belief that the Bosnian Serb There was relative quiet in Sarajevo on Sunday, with practically no grenade, mortar or artillery fire until late in the afternoon. Although the artillery attacks on the old town increased overnight, it was relatively quiet when the shell fell, a time when people felt they could be out doing basic survival tasks.

The Bosnian government, which declared a state of war last week, has ordered the mobilisation of men aged 18 to 55, but the heavy fighting and sniper fire is preventing many from reaching their local military headquarters. Many crossroads in Sarajevo are simply impassable because of the sniping.

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terrand administration is

looking forward to another

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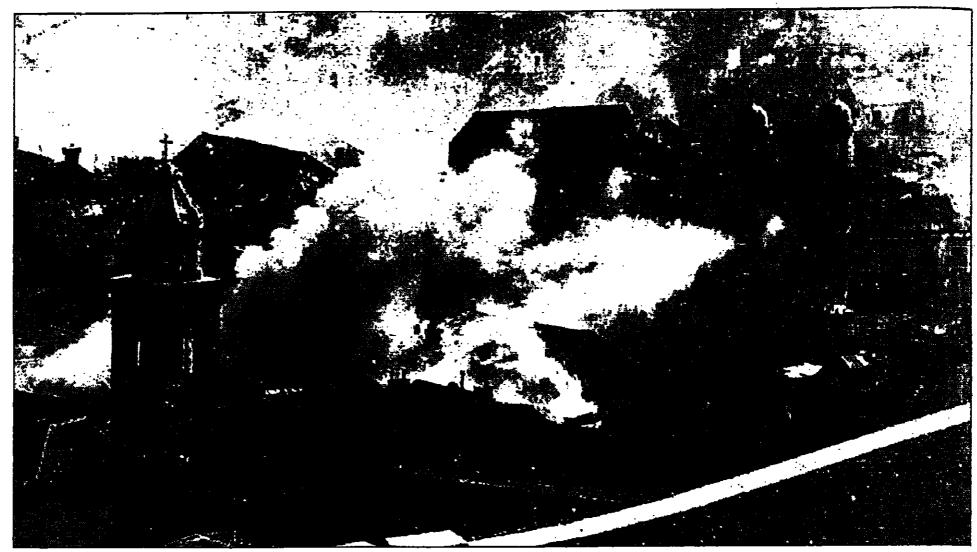
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speaking terms with Jacques

Chirac and his RPR, neo-

Gaullist party, which abstained or voted against the

hate last week.



Fog of war: smoke rising from Dubrovnik yesterday as Serb forces pound it with shells and mortars. The Croatian city is without electricity and drinking water

Russia accused of new imperialism

ALEKSANDR Rutskoi, Russia's vice-president, was reported last night to have retreated from his most belligerent criticism of the leaders of Moldavia and Georgia. heeding President Yeltsin's call for moderation and defusing the immediate upheaval in the Russian leadership. He also postponed a visit to Vladikavkaz, the North Ossetian capital. His retreat was not prompt enough or forceful enough to prevent the widening of the verbal war

dent, told an emergency session of parliament that the tiny republic was in a state of war with Russia. "We have to call a spade a spade — we are at war with Russia," Mr Snegur said. He attacked Russia's leadership, claiming Boris Yeltsin's government was seeking to establish military dominance over the region. Hundreds are reported to be dead and injured after three days of the fiercest fighting seen between pro-Russian separatist forces, supported by elements within Russia's

changes last week. The Gaullists treated the UDF to tirades of invective rarely heard even in France's least decorous parliamentary Two leading UDF officials warned M Chirac yesterday that their parties would not support any future presidential candidate who voted against Maastricht. Any political profit to be gleaned from opposing the European treaty appeared to be ebbing as new opinion polls yesterday showed French voters rallying be-hind a yes vote in M Mitterrand's promised

• Copenhagen: Danish farm organisations and opposition MPs reacted in angry unison yesterday to com-ments on French television by Jacques Delors that Denmark risked losing its farming subsidies unless it considered its stance on the Maastricht treaty (Chris-

topher Follett writes). Hans Kieldsen, president of the powerful Danish Agricultural Council, said M Delors' remarks were "blatant meddling in political affairs by a civil servant".

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AND AWAY?

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In the virtual certainty that the revision will receive the

between Moscow and the two former Soviet republics.

In Moldavia, pro-Russian mercenaries and separatists, armed with Russian-made tanks "loaned" from a Russian army, continued to ex-change fire with Moldavian forces yesterday as the spectre of war between the republics loomed. The town of Bendery was reported to be back under the control of pro-Russian forces, with Moldavian forces digging in around the

In Kishinev, Mircea 14th Army, and Moldavia's

terior ministry troops.

Sporadic fighting was also reported yesterday from areas of the breakaway Transdnester region. Unconfirmed reports spoke of large movements of military hardware from west to east. The independent Interfax news agency said the equipment was believed to have been given to Moldavia by neighbouring Romania. Last night the Romanian army denied reports that its armed forces were involved. Interfax also quoted unidentified sources in Moldavia as saying that MiG29 planes, based near Kishinev,

poorly trained and armed in-

had been put on alert. Geographically and politically, Moldavia is one of Europe's smallest and least notable nation-states. However, the increasingly bitter civil conflict raging there threatens to set the regional powers - Russia, Romania and Ukraine - at logger-

Moldavia and Georgia have joined in attacking Russia's urge to dominate, writes Mary Dejevsky in Moscow, and Robert Seely reports on what is stake

heads. Moldavia's civil war is ostensibly over a sliver of land called Transdnestr, which lies between the Dnestr river and Ukraine's southwestern The Slav, Russian-speak-

ing majority who live in Transdnestr, which is formally part of Moldavia, has reed Moldavian citizenship and is seeking to remain in any political structure which resembles the former Soviet Union. Their leaders claim that Transdnestr has historically been ruled from Mos-cow and voice fears that Moldavia's Romanian-speaking majority wants to reunite

The hidden agenda for the pro-Russian activists is reunification with Russia. In the climate of political naivety in pendent States, some ethnic leaders are prepared to risk war to achieve their ends.

The worsening situation in Moldavia, largely ignored by Western media preoccupied by a host of bloody conflicts. has been manipulated by the same national communist forces which brought chaos to



whelm Mr Yeltsin's attempts to introduce democracy and Western-style capitalism in Eduard Shevardnadze, the

Georgian leader, sent an open letter to Mr Rutskoi, blaming the Russian side for irresponsible actions" that had led to the breakdown of talks between the two republics. He also accused the Russian vice-president of personally ordering a halt to gas supplies to the republic from Russia.

Georgia officially denied earlier reports that Georgian

storm Tskhinvali, the South Ossetian capital. A Georgian investigation group sent to the Tskhinvali region from Tbilisi came under fire, and in the exchanges one Georgian national guardsmen was

In a move which bodes ill for Russia, if only on the diplomatic front, Mr Snegur and Mr Shevardnadze were reported to have co-ordinated their response to Mr Rutskoi's televised statement. The Moldavian president's office quoted Mr Snegur as saying that "independent republics, both inside and outside the commonwealth, are coming up against the revival of Russian imperial

Disturbances were also reported yesterday from two other parts of the former Soviet Union. In the republic of Daghestan, which is part the Russian Federation, widespread demonstrations were reported against Russia's decision to establish a ing Azerbaijan.

In Tajikistan, where there have been two unsuccessful attempts to oust Rakhmon Nabiyev, the president, armed clashes were reported in the southern province of Kurgan-Tyube between supporters and opponents of the government.

sation programme.

Loyal warriors fear treachery

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN VLADIKAVKAZ, NORTH OSSETIA

THE Ossetians, a traditionally pro-Russian nation among he warlike races that inhabit the Caucasus mountains, are so disappointed with Russia that they are thinking of con-verting from Christianity to Islam, according to one of their leaders.

The warning by Aleksandr Russkoi, the Russian vicepresident, at the weekend that Moscow was prepared to use force in support of the Ossetians against their Georgian enemies may have sounded bloodcurdling to Russian or Western ears. Yet for the Ossetians, who have fought for Russia in almost every war for the past 200 vears. Mr Rutskoi's statement was the bare minimum needed to save the Russians from being accused of downright treachery.

Bitterness is running high among the Ossetians - who speak a language close to Persian — because the Geor-

gians have managed, under the leadership of Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister of the Soviet Union, to procure artillery and dozens of tanks from the former Soviet army. The guns and other weapons, originally intended to suppress resistance to the new Georgian administration from supporters of Zviad Gamsakhurdia,

Ossetians. Until a relative calm descended in the past 48 hours. possibly brought about by Mr Rutskoi's threat, the Oss capital, Tskhinvali, had been struggling to hold out in continuous exchanges of artillery and machinegun fire against the Georgian forces that are surrounding it.

the former president, have

now been turned against the

"If a leader were to arrive now and tell the Ossetians to convert from Christianity to Islam, they would all agree," said Alan Chochiyev, deputy

chairman of the South Ossetian parliament and a strong advocate of transferring the region from Georgian to Rus-

sian rule. "People think that the Russians are more afraid of Azerbaijan because it is a Muslim nation and other Muslim nations might support it," Mr Chochiyev, one of the toughest warlords in the South Ossetian battle zone, said.

The Ossetians, who claim ancient links with England and Ireland, converted to Christianity early in the Christian era and since then have played a role akin to the Unionists of Northern Ire-land in the complex politics of the Caucasus region.
Mr Chochiyev said that Mr

Rutskoi at least appeared to accept the argument that, if Russia abandoned its friends in Georgia, the whole of the northern Caucasus and ultimately southern Russia could become a war zone.

Yeltsin begins to backtrack over radical reforms

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

IN THE few days since President Yeltsin's return from America, evidence has grown that the Russian leadership has two faces and two policies and that the Gaidar government, feted in Washington, is neither as secure or untrammelled as Mr Yeltsin gave the Americans to believe.

In Moscow, the smiling face presenting radical re-formist policies — the one that triumphed in America — is increasingly accompanied by a stern disciplinarian face presenting policies of state intervention. Barely a week old, many of Mr Yeltsin's reform measures are being quietly neutralised, and a "centrist" bloc - the "Civil Alliance" - has been formed. Before his American trip,

Mr Yeltsin announced measures designed to boost confidence in his reformist credentials. They included the pro-motion of Yegor Gaidar to "acting prime minister", a bill on government structures nominating Mr Gaidar to be full prime minister and a set of reformist decrees, including one on bankruptcy. The Russian parliament also approved a law on privatisation and the government's privati-

All this drowned the information that energy prices would be kept artificially low at least until next summer. It also seemed to give the lie to speculation that three recent government appointments had shifted its balance.

Things now look rather different at home. Mr Gaidar is nowhere to be seen. He put his signature to Saturday's government statement on the violence in Moldavia and South Ossetia - but the meet-ing at which the statement was approved was called and chaired by Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president.

Over the weekend it emerged that Mr Yeltsin was preparing to sign a further set of economic decrees, which could delay implementation of the earlier decrees.

Vladimir Shumeiko, the first deputy prime minister. disclosed that a decree on state enterprises would make them share-holding companies from July 1. Mr Shumeiko noted that neither the decree on bankruptcy nor the privatisation measures Moscows should be implemented be arrests.

fore the new decree was acted on. The government also might pay a proportion of enterprise debts, Mr Shu-

meiko said. Mr Shumeiko was speaking at the inaugural gathering of the "Civil Alliance". Its leaders include Nikolai Travkin, who has strong support from blue-collar workers: Arkadi Volsky, the supreme representative of state industry, in particular the defence industries; Mr Rutskoi, whose support includes mildly reformist sections of the military, and Mr Shumeiko, whose background is in the defence industry. For the moment, they see their role as "supporting and strengthening the government". But their founding platform amounts to a set of conditions

Protest halts Moscow

that the Gaidar government

must fulfil

By Mary Dejevsky

MOSCOW police and Russia's conservative political opposition yesterday staged their biggest show of strength for months, paralysing the northern suburbs during the evening rush hour. The demonstration was part of a continuing attempt by the opposition to gain regular television air-time, but was also a general protest against the Yeltsin government. Thousands of police offi-

cers, with helmets, shields and truncheons, backed by interior ministry troops, mounted police, special riot police and water cannon, converged on the Ostankino television centre where the opposition had planned a mass demonstration, banned by the authorities.

The organisers, a shadowy organisation called "Working Moscow" that combines the residue of the outlawed Communist Party and extreme nationalists, switched their gathering at the last moment to a Metro station near by and about 10,000 protesters marched towards central Moscow. The police made 14

EC NOTEBOOK by George Brock

Resourceful Germans recruit rule book in beer battle

The Anglo-German beer war bubbles on. The European Commission has not had an easy time writing rules on the use of artificial sweeteners in Europe's food. The appearance and dis-

appearance of the grave threat to the prawn cocktail crisp was quickly followed by the unfinished fight over a German law on beer purity

dating from 1516.
Earlier this year Martin
Bangemann, the German
European commissioner in charge of the 1992 single market programme, added a last-minute footnote to a European Community directive on sweeteners. In a furious

liament, Caroline Jackson, the British Tory, denounced his discreet change as a fid-dle to protect small German breweries from invasion and conquest by foreign brewers of low-alcohol beer.

The Reinheitsgebot, the 16th-century law of Duke Wilhelm of Bavaria, which still protects the purity of German beer, was not threatened by the Commission's proposed sweetener law, she said. Herr Bangemann said that he would withdraw his directive.

He did so only for long enough to reissue the document with a new twist. In the speech to the European Par-new version. a government



being used in "traditional" beers which were brewed in Germany.

could prevent sweeteners Mrs Jackson sniffs trouble

again. The German government, under pressure from brewers fearful of competition, could easily classify low-alcohol lager as "traditional". She asks: "Since when has the brewing of lowalcohol beer been a long-hallowed ancestral tradition in Germany or anywhere else?" Mrs Jackson vows to fight Herr Bangemann

Herr Bangemann's officials justify a beer-brewing opt-out for Germany by brandishing "subsidiarity", the latest Brussels buzz word. The expression was coined in an encyclical by Pope Pius XI in 1931 to enshrine the idea that social and political decision-making should always settle at the lowest practical level. Subsidiarity has been hailed as the answer to Danish doubts over the Maas-

tricht treaty and, almost instantaneously, the word passed from obscurity to over-use. A legal and political minefield which is liable to spring surprises on all who try to champion it, the term is in constant use by Eurocrats as a magic charm to turn away the wrath of Eurosceptics.

Subsidiarity is a flexible enough to suit various purposes. Jacques Delors, president of the Commission. wants to cut down to size Carlo Ripa di Meana, his

obstreperous and talkative Italian environment commissioner. Subsidiarity offers the Frenchman a deliciously fashionable way to settle old scores.

ong and carnest disquisitions on protecting wild birds by Signor Ripa di Meana are boring M Dek.rs. Bird directives are also hugely unpopular in France. where M Delors will want the hunting vote if he runs for the French presidency in

three years' time.
The first meeting of the Commission at which M Delors airs his new schemes for reducing his colleagues' powers will be a lively one.

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Police at Boipatong followed 'fire at will' rules

THE shooting that followed the visit of President de Klerk to Boipatong on Saturday was carried our according to the rules of engagement for the South African security forces: the Internal Security Act and the Criminal Procedures Act. In essence, they allow a policeman to open

fire whenever he feels like it. The Criminal Procedures Act states that, if a person resists arrest and cannot be arrested without the use of force or flees, the arresting officer may "use such force as may in the circumstances be reasonably necessary". The act goes on to state that, where a person is to be arrested for one of a long list of offences, including sedition, murder, robbery and receiving stolen property, and the suspect cannot be arrested by other means than by killing him, the kill-

nifiable homicide". Under the Internal Security Act the net is drawn wider still. There the "manifest intention" of committing some destruction of life or property is enough to legit-

ing shall be deemed to be

A police gunshot, allowed by the law, led to the shooting of demonstrators, writes Michael Hamlyn from Johannesburg

by the police.

The individual policeman is also expected to use his initiative when deciding whether to open fire. The police say that, if a senior officer is present, the policeman should obey his orders, but if the nearest one is some distance away he makes his own decision. That is what seems to have happened on

Mr de Klerk decided on Friday to visit those bereaved in the mass killings of Wednesday night. A press alert and a pool arrangement for journalists was established for what was termed a "mystery tour". It was not too difficult to

guess who was going to go where, and on Saturday morning the Johannesburg Citizen led on the story of the president's forthcoming visit. Hard-left elements of the African National Congress and

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tial elections were free of

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For the first time in de-

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The supreme court Mrs

Aquino appointed has exer-

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generally considered to be one of the freest in Asia but

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sponsible, has been relentless

in criticising Mrs Aquino's failures, claiming that her

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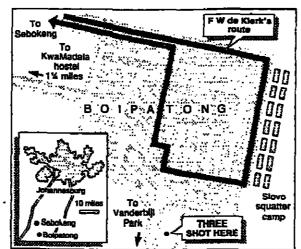
imise the use of deadly force the Pan Africanist Congress decided to try to prevent Mr de Klerk's visit, and they lay in wait for him.

Police officers escorting

Mr de Klerk's motorcade saw no sign of demonstrators when they looked the little township over before the visit. It was a bright highveld winter's day, although the air was dense with wood smoke and industrial pollution. The idea was for the presi-

dent to drive into the township of Boipatong, to stop near the squatter colony and offer his condolences. He was ambushed by a crowd bearing placards before he could get there. Mr de Klerk's car did not stop. Demonstrators banged on its roof and began to rock it. Mr de Klerk turned pale. Gerrit Viljoen. a ministerial colleague, got out of his car. He was soon bustled back inside by his police

Now the escort of ar-



moured personnel carriers speeded up, jinked around the narrow streets, and the motorcade ran back to the safety of the riot police barracks. The jubilant demon-

strators began to go home. Then some distance away, in the veld on the southern edge of the township, a shot rang out. A policeman in an armoured lorry had seen a man attack another with a panga. Applying the rules on

the prevention of imminent mayhem, he shot dead the man with the panga.

The crowd charged down to the spot, saw the dead man, and prevented a mortu-ary lorry from picking the body up. They accused the police of planting the panga and demanded that the young man who fired the fatal shot should be charged with murder.

There were a few moments

unarmed crowd and the line of police officers encircling the township. Police officials say that at this point the police themselves were fired on and a policeman was wounded in the arm. Women bared their breasts and spar at the security forces to embarrass them out of the way. so that they could get to the

man's body. A young man tried to grab one of the police rifles. One nervous policeman fired a warning shot into the ground in front of them. That was taken as a signal by the others to open fire. Dropping to their knees, several began

firing into the crowd.

The officer in charge of the detachment began screaming: "Moenie sonder bevol skiet nie!" ("Do not fire without orders!"). But it was too late for two other men who died of bullet wounds. As many as 20 were said to have been hurt, and a little knot of them lay terrified and bleeding on the brown earth.

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Ramos vows 'eltsin begins to strong rule to backtrack over save economy

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

THE Philippines congress proclaimed Fidel Ramos president last night, six weeks fore the new decress, after the election on May 11. on The governme Mr Ramos, 64, the first Protmuch! par a proje estant to rule the predomienterprise debt & nantly Roman Catholic country, will be inaugurated Mr Shumeiko ng at Luneta Park in Manila ing at the maueum, next Tuesday.

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Chinese Protes halts hardliner Mosor dies at 83

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Family man: Fidel Ramos celebrating with a group of supporters in Manila. He was officially proclaimed president of the Philippines yesterday. The former general, who has five daughters, starts his six-year term next Tuesday. Mr Ra-

mos wakes habitually at 4.30am to jog and is known as a workaholic, and as rather colourless speaker. His wife, Amelita, is treasurer of an international school for expatriates' children. She is a physical education specialist.

Texas ready to execute woman

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TEXAS is preparing to execute a woman for the first time since the Civil War. Next Tuesday Karla Faye Tucker is due to die by lethal injection at the state prison in Huntsville, nine years after she and her boy friend killed two people with a pickaxe.

Caution is a Ramos hall-mark. He is slow and deliber-Since the US Supreme ate: diplomats refer to him as Court ruling in 1976 permit-"steady Eddie". As chief of ting the resumption of capital the paramilitary police, he joined army rebels in Februpunishment, 176 people have been put to death in America, ary 1986 to topple President but only one woman. Texas Marcos when he knew the end was inevitable. "If it was has the highest total of any state, having executed 50 not for Ramos, our democramen, but the last woman to be cy would have ended in the first coup attempt in 1986." killed was Chipita Rodriguez, who was hanged in 1863 for the murder of a horse trader. to heroin at ten, and finally

Ms Tucker, 32, from Houston, does not deny killing Jerry Lynn Dean and his girl friend. Deborah Thornton, in June 1983 at the culmination of a long-running feud.

Her lawyer argues that prolonged use of drugs had rendered her "emotionally retarded" when she and Daniel Garrett, who is also on death row, killed the couple. Her lawyer says that the jury was not permitted to know that she was "blasted out of her brain" on the night of the murders. At her trial Ms Tucker said she had been using marijuana since the age of eight, had then turned

resorted to prostitution to pay for her drug habit. While in prison she has reformed, her supporters say.

They argue that she has discovered religion and educated herself and does not deserve to die. A key witness at her trial has since admitted perjuring himself. The brother of the woman she helped to kill. Ron

Carlson, is among those asking for elemency. Moreover, a key witness at her trial has since admitted perjuring himself during testimony. There are now some 2,600 prisoners on Death Row in

the US, of whom 41 are

Kohl wins rethink

on fighter

Bonn: Under pressure from Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, government coalition party members are having second thoughts about pulling Ger-many out of the four-nation consortium which is building the European fighter aircraft (Ian Murray writes). Bundestag members from

the three coalition parties meet today to hear a report on the plane drawn up by Volker Rühe, the defence minister. who will recommend abandoning the project, on the ground that the aircraft will be too expensive. Until recently Herr Rühe was confident of dear majority in favour. Members have to make up their minds before next Wed-nesday, when the 1993 federal budget is presented.

The vote was originally

meant to be today but is now expected to be postponed until before the budget deadline. The chancellor has asked Theo Waigel, the finance minister, to prepare a rival study looking at the disadvantages of pulling out

Sihanouk aid

Tokyo: Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Cambodia's leader and head of the supreme national council, the reconciliation body comprising the four Cambodian factions, pleaded for aid at an international conference on the country's rehabilitation at-tended by 33 nations and 12 international organisations. He was promised donations totalling US\$880 million (£473 million).

Talks blocked

Geneva: The Uruguay Round of world trade talks is utterly blocked because of disputes between the European Community and the United States, a senior General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade source said. (Reuter)

Exiles to return Taipei: Taiwan is to allow

scores of exiled dissidents to return, but said people who advocated violence against the government and procommunists who had fled to China would remain banned. (Reuter)

Four murdered Houston: Three gunmen

burst into a home, tied up six people and shot them in the head, killing two men and two women. One of the dead, aged 19, was pregnant. Police said the attack was probably drug-related. (AP)

Jurors' second thoughts revive Teflon Don's polish

BY BEN MACINTYRE

John Gotti, the alleged head of America's most Frank Locascio, his underboss. One juror said yester-day he had voted for a powerful Mafia family, will conviction only out of fear of be sentenced today on a string of charges, including murder and racketeering. the government. A second said on television that the However, as America's most celebrated and soigne gangster prepared to go to court, the lawyers handling his appeal were confident that the Teilon Don", who has escaped three previous convictions, would succeed again.

judge had put unfairly intense pressure on the jury to avoid a deadlock and a third said that the trial was unfair because other jurors, including the wife of an FBI agent. had shown bias against the defendants during the trial. A letter, written by the first juror to Locascio, was Three jurors in the trial. who cannot be named for quoted in a New York newslegal reasons, have since

paper yesterday. "I am very

sorry that I voted guilty on

the case and I pray for you

every day," he is reported to have written, adding that he had not insisted on an acquittal "because we were so frightened by the marshals and the FBI". Rudolf Giuliani, a former Mafia prosecutor in Manhattan, suggested in a television interview that the man had come forward out of fear of Gotti.

these assertions are un-I likely to have much effect on Judge I. Leo Glasser, who today is expected to sentence the two men to life imprisonment without pa-role, but the jurors' second thoughts are certain to play a key part in the appeal

being prepared by Gotti's lawyers.
Gotti was named in con-

nection with six murders, including that of Paul Castellano, his predecessor, but his lawyers have always maintained that the federal government has framed a humble, community-minded plumber with a taste for natty outlits. They say that Salvatore Gravano, the prosecution's leading witness, who said he had carried out a dozen murders for Gotti's Gambino clan, is a fantasist

with a grudge. The case has been surrounded, and some say per-

verted, by Hollywood-style "Godfather" folklore and "Mafia experts" have already begun to speculate how far Gotti will be able to control the Gambino Family from prison.

Readers of one New York tabloid meanwhile voted on who should play the convicted gangster in John Gotti - the Movie. The outright winner was Armand Assante, the Italian Star of Mambo King, who has played Napoleon to Jacque-line Bisset's Josephine. Other suggestions included John Travolta, Anthony Hopkins and Al Pacino.

Goodbye gardening

Philip Howard on the joys of a sunken garden

od Almighty first planted a garden. And perhaps it is the purest of human pleasures, provided that there is some-body else to do the gardening. The gardens in old university colleges and bishop's palaces, with their barbered lawns and ancient mulberry trees and berbaceous borders having delabilities. and herbaceous borders, having delphiniums ranged to set off the imperial crowns just so, may be as near to paradise as it is possible for mortal man to get in his fallen world. But they depend on employing lots of gardeners to do the work. Without gardeners, or except as mindless makework for unemployed spouses whose children have grown up, forget hostigulars.

have grown up, forget horticulture.

All human civilisation so far has been built upon the urge to escape the drudgery of gardening. There is a compost heap of sanctimonious cant talked about gardens, especially in England. To say that gardening is extremely arduous and boring and futile work, and that 99.9 per cent of English gardens are not worth the trouble, sounds as shocking as declaring that motherhood is an over-rated activity (also true).

This is why there was a gratifying earthquake of truth when the back garden of the Rowlands family disappeared down a collapsed mineshaft at Gunnislake in Cornwall at the weekend. The family was having a long lie in on Sunday morning. Mrs Rowlands said, "Darling, the earth moved. How was it for you?", and sure enough when they looked out, their back garden had vanished down one of the mineshafts with which that craggy part of the tinny county has been Gruyèred for 20 centuries. Mrs Rowlands said: "It is a terrible shock. We have spent a fortune on the garden, and now we have lost it as well as our paddling pool, lawnmower and tools, all of which were in the garden shed."

ike the rest of us, she has been brainwashed into believing that gardens and gardening are virtuous. Ever since man and woman were ejected from the Garden of Eden, poets and other scribblers, who are notoriously idle when it comes to digging and weeding, have been trying to persuade the rest of the world that gardening is useful or even fun. The Epicureans were known as the Garden Sect because Epicurus taught in his garden. What he did there was witter on about philosophy, and put the world to rights. Slaves, of course, did his gardening. Virgil wrote the Georgics for Maecenas, full of detailed advice about husbandry. But neither of them, nor Horace (enraptured by his Sabine garden), ever got his nails mucky. They had gardeners to do it for them, preferably pretty boys.

Western literature is mulched with hypocritical praise of gardening, from Piers Plowman to Andrew Marvell to the modern glossy magazines and books, all pretending that horticulture is fun. It only ever was for the owners of stately homes with stately and underpaid gardeners. useful or even fun. The Epicureans were known

nly Harold Nicolson and Victoria Sack-ville-West practised what they preached, and they employed workmen for the heavy bits. Even Virgil admitted that much gardening time is spent eradicating weeds, which are just flowers in disguise. Germaine Greer, our latest literary gardener, has it right: "Airborne filth settling on aphis honeydew would asphyxiate all those plants which survive the asphyxiate all those plants which survive the sucking, bitting, chewing, riddling activities of the insects, if it were not for the fact that they are generally pecked to death by sparrows, dug up, trodden on, sat on or stolen, or simply annihilated by a blast of animal urine or overwhelmed by a cloaking turd, long before that."

Behind the compost, the fundamental laws of

gardening are:

1. Astroturf is a giant leap for civilisation.

2. When Candide said that we must cultivate our gardens, either he was joking, or Voltaire could

afford to employ gardeners.

3. Better a patio with a few pots and a Grecian

sculpture than an acre of mud and greenfly.

4. Stella Gibbons was not kidding when she spoke of something nasty in the woodshed.
5. What grows best is what you need least.
6. Most English men and women have had enough of gardening, and are just about ready to

throw in the trowel, if they were not so brainwashed by the non-gardening literati. 7. Fancy thingamajigs advertised in the colour

8. If you must garden, Cornwall is the place for it. just above a disused tin mine.

London's outmoded health care system must brace itself for radical reform, argues David Willetts

the Emotions generated by the London teaching hos-pitals are as intense as those for the old regiments. Proposals for mergers or do-sures will always be bitterly opposed. So the challenge fac-ing the health secretary Virginia Bottomley - how to prune the expensive and wasteful concentration of hospitals in London while providing better medical care for the average Londoner -

is formidable. As today's King's Fund report on the capital's health service will surely show, it is not at all clear that the pattern of care matches current needs. Basic services to London's residents are not good enough, even though London has had favourable treatment for years, with 20 per cent of England's hospital budget and 20 per cent of its NHS staff for only 15 per

of its NHS staff for only 15 per cent of the population.

Standards in some of the inner-city general practices are scandalously low, and many community services for groups such as elderly people are poor. Londoners are quite likely to bypass their GP and go straight

Hospitals on the critical list ities in London could be given greater freedom in choosing how to contract for health care on behind patients. They accompanied by radical reform of

to hospital for attention, which is not surprising when so many well-known hospitals are so close. Every year, 145 cases end up in hospital for every thousand Londoners, as against 125 cases in England as a whole. And when patients get into hospital they tend to stay longer and at a higher cost than elsewhere in the country.

London's defenders argue that it is a special case. Certainly there are particular problems: a mobile population, pockets of great poverty, the difficulty of discharging people to poor domes-tic surroundings.

One element of Mrs Bottom-ley's policy should be fewer hos-pitals on fewer sites. Too much time and effort still go into maintaining historic buildings (the 19th-century Poor Law Guardians built so much that they have left us a distinctive architectural style, nicknamed Guardians' gothic).

this will mean clomergers or - perhaps most attractive of all migration.

At least teaching hospital could be moved out of London. Such an apparently radical step is actually in the long tradition of the London hospitals. As far back as the 1860s, there were ambitious plans to move St Thomas's to the edge of London.

Florence Nightingale cam-paigned ardently for that and for other such moves, but usually the medical staff succeeded in opposing them. St Thomas's was finally rebuilt on its current site in 1871.



early reformer

medical education. There is still an assumption in some of the upper echcions of the profession that the only serious medical education is in London, Oxford or Cambridge. Just under half of all English medical students are in London. This enor-

mous teaching

the capital tends to suck in cases to help train medical students. Thus, despite being a high-cost provider. London treats a net inflow of patients from outside. Some of these are essential referrals to national centres of excellence, but many of the others are "bunions from Baroutside London develop, and with money following patients. this inflow is declining and funding is being cut back.

Some medical education will need to shift outside London to where the patients are. This is an opportunity to develop pat-terns of medical training which recognise that more than half of all medical students will go on to become GPs.
The third element of Mrs Bot-

tomley's strategy should be the improvement of primary care. There has been a huge increase in spending on GPs (up more than 50 per cent on top of inflation since 1979), yet still stubborn problems remain in the inner city. The government would understandably be reluctant to change the GP contract again in order to address these. especially as the new contract tives. A better approach would be to encourage greater diversimight employ some salaried GPs, or even contract directly with community services currently based in hospitals.

Today's report from the King's Fund follows many other such enquiries; indeed the London problem goes back to before the NHS itself. The government's Tomlinson report, due to be published early in the autumn, is itself expected to recommend radical change, including the closure of named

Closing London hospitals, reforming the pattern of medical education, and improving inner-city primary care is an ambitious and substantial programme. It will encounter enormous political obstacles. But the prize of a better balanced health service and better care for Londoners will make the political battle worthwhile.

The author is Conservative MP

Why fat cats get the cream

of chic in not being excessively rich. Brit-ain had devised an ain had devised an elegant if ultimately self-defeating form of snobbery in which money acted mainly as compensation to those who were not the real thing. A flashy car, a swimming pool and a wardrobe full of brand, new suits were the give-away of the parvenu. For the great and the good, not only was money second rate as a was money second rate as a source of satisfaction, but even to express an interest in it was

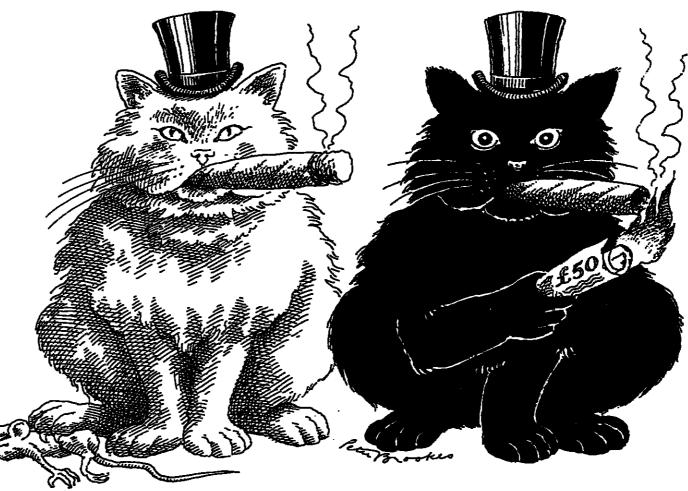
thought demeaning.
This material self-denial by people in positions of public influence could be interpreted two ways. The favourable way could be called the patrician ethic, which held public service (and the power that goes with it) to be sufficient reward. Excessive remuneration would not only be gilding the lily, but would be detrimental to the idea of selfless duty: to pay over the odds, according to this argument, would encourage the wrong sort of person to try for the job. Generations of public school boys were indoctrinated with this idealistic notion and felt obliged at least to pay it lip

service throughout their careers.

of this high-minded dedication to the common weal was that it descended from a time when public life was dominated by people who did not need to earn

a living. To be disdainful of earned income was a prerogative of the inheriting classes, who although in a minority in public office, promulgated their own hauteur and made it anathema in proper circles to admit to worrying about how much one was going to be paid. Being dismissive of money, in other words, was not so much altruistic as aristocratic.

Of course, the upper middle classes who dominated the pro-fessions and the civil service did need to support themselves. But as long as gentility counted for more than disposable income, and while ostentation was positively abhorred, one's income Janet Daley on the professional classes' thirst for cash



needed only to be sufficient to array have come various bizarre view of this powerful caste, to keep one a decent distance from the common herd.

That the higher professions were discreet to the point of paranoia about their real earnings and modest in their tastes (as befitted the gentlemanly lifestyle into which they had been apprenticed) meant that among the educated, any overt interest in money was frowned upon, and the robust enthusiasm for creating wealth which a capitalist economy requires fell into disrepute. This genteel decadence is widely thought to have been extirpated by Thatcherism. Instead, it has simply been deranged. Out of this dis-

anomalies, of which the absurd demand by Britain's professional élite for "competitive" salaries

Note that the language of the marketplace has been adopted enthusiastically: the Whitehall permanent secretary and the high court judge now prefer to cast themselves as commodities on the talent market. The nation must bid for their services in the ruthless cut and thrust of the great employment souk. If our offer falls below the going rate for their job descrip-tion, they will unsentimentally decamp to the highest bidder. We are invited to amend our stop seeing them as products of inbred, hierarchical systems with codes so arcane as to require the most careful tutelage in youth, followed by a professional lifetime of dedication to their byzantine sacraments.

In keeping with the new vogue, we must accept them as free-spirited, entrepreneurial sellers of their services, as entitled as anyone else to conduct an auction. The trouble is that they want it both ways, demanding the rewards of the market alongside not only personal job security, but an incontestable (virtually medieval) authority over their own professions. The market may have become the dominant metaphor of public discourse, but its real meaning seems to be as obscure as ever. An interest in money may no longer be regarded as unwholesome. There is a real (if confused) perception of the connection between the health of the economy (which is to say the capacity of people to buy things) and the safety of our political freedoms. But top people who see themselves as both up-holders of a tradition and as self-motivating buccaneers have not yet understood that the marketplace cannot coexist with the old incestuous professional

The titles, esteem, ritual para-phernalia (like the currently disputed wigs and gowns of judges) and the assured gongs of public service are more than perks of office. They are rites of passage in establishment life. passage in establishment life, which is a priesthood of sorts for which novitiates are groomed from their earliest years. If Whitehall and the judiciary really wish to be accepted simply as career stops in an open-ended meritocratic free-for-all, then they will have to accept drasic restructuring of their profession. restructuring of their professional practices. Opportunities for late entry and career switching. social accessibility and the dismantling of their exclusive recruitment and training procedures are a bare minimum of reforms needed before these professions can begin to claim to have entered into the spirit of the market economy.

he higher professions have always been selfserving in their restrictive practices and resisattempt to reduce their power. Remember the furore when the Lord Chancellor threatened to allow solicitors to contest the barristers' monopoly on rights of advocacy? This week, medical consultants — fat cats by any-body's standards — have been accused of operating a virtual cartel on charges for private operations. Whitehall permanent secretaries occupy a unique (and literally incomparable) position of influence over civil service conduct. More than unsackable, they seem to be scarcely accountable at all in any publicly visible way.

Whether the old gentlemanly carve-up is a defensible way to run our most powerful institutions into the next millennium is a debate worth pursuing, although this prime minister, for all his talk of citizens' rights and classlessness, seems less interested in it than his predecessor. If we are not careful, we may end up with the worst of both worlds: the old boy cabals, with all their dislike of risk and innovation. going hand-in-hand with the new rapaciousness.



...and moreover Craig Brown

n the past few days, a touch of nostalgie de la boue has infected the showbiz correspondents of many national newspapers. Twenty years ago, they could be sure that the start of summer would herald a glorious pageant or rock stars misbehaving themselves. Having inked these annual debauches into their diaries, they are now loath to let them go. This has resulted in the press converging on the Conrad Hotel in Chelsea, where two different acts - Prince and Guns 'n' Roses - are staying.

Alas, the press vigil at the Conrad Hotel has so far yielded paltry dividends. Last Friday, the lead singer of Guns 'n' Roses, Axl Rose, was reported to have thrown a table across the room when a barman asked him if he was a resident. On Sunday. this story shrunk when a hotel employee explained, "It was a very small table". Meanwhile, Prince has been as good as gold, spending most of his spare time in the hurly-burly of the hairdressing salon.

Things were not always like this. Even in the 1950s, pop stars knew how to behave in the manner expected of them. In 1958, Jerry Lee Lewis was forced to cancel his British tour after just two concerts, when the press discovered that his wife Myrna was only 13 years old. Though only 22 himself, Lewis was on his third marriage. He had married first at 14. "Hell, I was too young," he later com-mented. He had married second

he explained.

By the mid-Sixties, bad behaviour had become obligatory for all pop stars. P.J. Proby was probably the most diligent in this respect, splitting his tight velvet trousers on stage on three nights in succession, leading to the cancellation of his tays and a the cancellation of his tour and a complete ban from television. His comeback in 1968 ground to a halt after his foul language on stage led the theatre management to pull the curtain down on him. P.J. Proby's record was beaten only by Jim Morrison of The Doors, who in a brief but sparkling career faced a variety of charges, among them vagrancy, failure to identify himself, indecent exposure, open profanity, lascivious behaviour, breach of the peace,

and even skyjacking.
Probably the best-known of all the troublemakers were the Rolling Stones, whose debut offences occurred as early as March 18, 1965, when they were each fined five pounds for urinating in public outside a petrol station in Romford. These days, of course, they are all quite rich enough to employ people to urinate in public for them; Mick Jagger votes Conservative, and no doubt there is a blue plaque

drunk and disorderly conduct

on the petrol station. There was a brief burst of bad behaviour in the second half of the Seventies. A male pop star had married first at 14. "Hell, I was too young." he later commented. He had married second— and bigamously— at 16.

years later, when the punk movement began, outraged Tory backbenchers everywhere were queuing to express their deep-seated revulsion at the noise, my dear, and the people. Rare was the char-show host who did not have to nip to the dry-cleaners after an interview with a punk, rarer still the high-rise hotel that had not been reduced to a bungalow. Like Alice Cooper, singers then tended to have funny names like Meat Loaf, Sting and Poly Styrene. Now-adays, these names seem part of the furniture. Alice Cooper now plays regular rounds of golf with former US president Gerald Ford; Meat Loaf is a frequent Ford; Meat Loaf is a frequent guest of the Duke and Duchess of York; Poly Styrene appears on religious programmes, and Sting is a patron of rainforests.

Even dead pop stars seem to be behaving impeccably. In her autobiography, Voices of Love (1986), Doris Stokes, the late medium (if there is such a thing), recalls making contact with the

medium (if there is such a thing), recalls making contact with the dead pop star Marc Bolan. "Marc was telling his mother about his new life on the other side and the friends he'd made," Mrs Stokes relates. "He was particularly thrilled to have met his idol Elvis Presley, and he have to say and he brought him along to say hello. Marc introduced Elvis to his mother, and Elvis introduced Marc to his mother, who was with him on the other side." Such homeliness is hard to stomach. If only Mozart and Liszt were resident at the Con-

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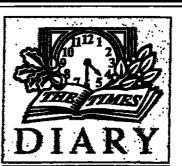
BANK OF ENGLAND staff may have choked on their Earl Grey tea when they heard Sarah Hogg tipped to be the next Governor of the Bank of England, but she is not the only woman in the run-

ning.
She will face tough competition from Rosalind Gilmore, who chairs the Building Societies Com-mission. Gilmore, one of few women in the upper echelons of the civil service, held a string of senior treasury jobs before being seconded to the commission in 1989. She is regarded as a cunning strategist and has a reputation for intimidating less educated building society bosses. Insiders suggest that she is rated more highly than Hogg, though Hogg is a friend of John Major

and has a higher profile.

As head of the Downing Street policy unit, Hogg is the most powerful woman in Whitehall. She is a member of the great Tory dynasty of Boyd-Carpenters. Not an easy boss, she skidded round Fleet Street in the 1980s, working for The Economist, The Sunday Times, The Times, Channel 4. The Independent and The Daily Telegraph. If she wins the £165,000 job as governor, it will preclude her husband, the foreign office minister Douglas Hogg from becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer. He has already turned down one Treasury job because of

a conflict of interest with his wife. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the current governor, steps down in June 1993. His successor will be announced by the Queen in December this year, but Ladbrokes has already opened the bening. Hogg is rated fourth at 6-1; Gilmore is seventh at 14-1. Sir David Walker, chairman of the



Securities and Investments Board, is favourite at 7-4. Sir David Scholey, chairman of Warburgs, and Eddie George, the deputy governor, are joint second at 11-4. So far, in two weeks, Ladbrokes has taken £10,000 in "fun bets".

• The culinary grandeur of the Ritz is under threat. Keith Stan-ley, the head chef who has fed the Ritz clientele for the past four years, is leaving, and his sous chef.
Guy Krenzer, is going too. Speculation about a tiff over the truffles is being denied by the Ritz. Stanley, who is heading for "better things" says he has some artistics. things", says he has two options. Krenzer, a winner of an award for the best cook in France, is said to be returning there to a chateau. The departures will create difficulties for the Ritz. Word in catering circles suggest that John King, formerly of Les Ambassadeurs and the Ritz Club, has been approached for the senior post.

Tartan the place up

STAFF at the National Galleries of Scotland are invoking the spirit of Banockburn in a battle with their English director, who is proposing to dress them all in tartan trousers. Timothy Clifford, the galleries' director, wants to commission royal kiltmakers Kinloch Anderson to make the uniform, which would replace the present

navy blue outfit. The intention is that the tartan, based on a vari-ation of the Black Watch tartan would be in place in time for this summer's Edinburgh Festival.

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Not everyone is impressed by Clifford's plan to emphasise the Scottish heritage. Staff feel that he is turning the galleries into a Scottish theme park. Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the Tory MP for Perth and Kinross, says: "The Black Watch tartan belongs to the regiment of my constituency. Defiling and de-forming it is scandalous."

Some of the locals have already made their views clear. In large letters on the side of the gallery is the slogan "Go Home English".

Come and See the Mondrians dear.

Stock exchange

A SMALL BUNDLE of charred sticks is expected to fetch £15,000 at Sotheby's today. The 21 wooden tally sticks date from between 1250 and 1260, and are claimed to be part of a bundle which burnt down the original Palace of Westminster in 1834. The sticks, pictured on page 14, were used as receipts by the Royal Exchequer in the 12th and 13th centuries, but after the Great Reform Act of 1832, they were sent to be burnt the Victorian equivalent of the shredding machine. When the fire

went spectacularly out of control, the whole palace was lost. Christopher de Harnel, who is in

charge of illuminated manuscripts at Sotheby's, says the auction house sold six tally sticks in 1986 for £6,000. He laments the loss of the others. "That's the civil service for you." he says. "If the Reform Act had been 20 years later, they would have fallen into that era when all things antiquarian were worshipped and would have been saved. But some unthinking administrator just burnt the lot." Had it not been for that oblivious civil servant, Sir James Barry's gothic Houses of Parliament and Big Ben would not have been built.

 Liza Minnelli, who tonight gives her charity tribute to the late Sammy Davis Ir at the Albert Hall, will be hoping to make a fast exit after the mandatory handshake with the Princess of Wales. Minnelli has been invited to the Coliseum, where the English National Ballet is staging L the work choreographed by Ben Stevenson as his personal tribute to Minnelli for her help in resurrecting the Washington Ballet in the 1970s.

Juan lost

BRITAIN does not have a monopoly on royal gossip. Spanish high society is abuzz with the activities of King Juan Carlos, who has is due back from Switzerland to lay-He disappeared a week ago. cancelling his annual garden party at the palace, missing his father's 79th birthday, delaying the swearing in of a new foreign minister and forgoing his favour-ite annual bullfight. The govern-ment said the king had gone for a medical checkup. The Zaruela Palace said he was on holiday, but did not say who with The Spanish did not say who with. The Spanish press has been less reticent.

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UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHY

In Luxembourg tomorrow the social affairs council of the European Community is expected to sweep aside British objections and approve one of the daftest pieces of Brussels legislation ever. The directive on working time is easily as silly as the attempt to prevent the sale of prawn-flavoured crisps in Britain. But it is less comical, for it will be damaging both to workers and their employers. If it is passed, people who choose to work more than 48 hours a week in an attempt to save up for a family holiday will be forbidden to do so. Never has there been such a blatant interference by the EC in the individual liberty of the citizen. Britain, though it cannot win alone, must do all in its power to nrevent such meddling.

What makes such interference particularly ourageous is the insidious manner in which it has been introduced. Britain managed to win itself an opt-out from the social chapter at Maastricht. But the European Commission has simply labelled this a "health and safety" directive. Health and safety matters can be passed by qualified majority voting. Yet the European Commission has produced not a shred of evidence to prove that working for more than 48 hours a week is injurious to a person's health. Some people thrive on long hours and find their health declines rapidly when they retire and lack stimulation. Others choose to work long hours even if they find their work boring because the extra money allows them to enjoy

their leisure. Some may feel "forced" to work for more hours than they would like because their hourly pay rate is so low. But prohibiting them from working for more than 48 hours will not push their pay rates up; it will simply make them poorer. Even more absurd is the notion that working on Sunday could be deleterious to health. The directive seeks to

prevent Sunday working too. Some practising Christians may object to working on a Sunday. But why should Muslims or Jews, or indeed agnostics, be prevented from doing so if they want to boost their pay packets? And

what has Sunday working to do with health? This is precisely the sort of meddling interference that Jacques Delors and his Brussels colleagues are now belatedly, indeed frantically, declaring is no part of their vision of a united Europe. Subsidiarity, as defined by the Maastricht treaty, means that the Commission should propose EC-wide laws only when an agreed objective "cannot be sufficiently achieved by the member states" acting individually. Britain is perfectly capable of enacting its own working-time legislation should it wish to do so.

The poorer states of Europe will be tempted to disregard such rules, because they know their one advantage over rich northern states is lower labour costs, hard work and productivity. Likewise Britain has become a magnet for investment from outside the EC partly because its workforce is now seen as flexible. If the countries of Europe want to be internationally competitive, they will need more labour market

flexibility, not less. The British government, under pressure from the Foreign Office, is still tempted to wobble on this issue, still talking about a voluntary limitation above 48 hours. Such a compromise would concede that this is after all a health and safety matter. Here is a clarion issue for post-Maastricht British leadership of Europe. Public support for wider European co-operation could be severely damaged if Brussels were allowed to tell people when to work and play. The directive is beyond the EC's competence. If passed, it should be challenged by Britain in the European Court of Justice.

MOMENTS OF TRUTH

"I told you not to shoot without orders. Only if you are under attack can you do that." The despairing cry of a senior South African police officer on Saturday is as familiar to governments in Israel and Northern Ireland as in South Africa. By opening fire on unarmed protesters the South African police have given a further fillip to the ANC's militants and its communist wing. It was perhaps inevitable that the ANC president, Nelson Mandela, should swiftly announce the suspension of bilateral talks with the government, if only to keep his militants in line. He is their leader, but must know also

when to be their follower. Negotiations between the government and barristers monopole the ANC over South Africa's constitution of adversor. This will have stalled since May over precisely the consultants - in a issues identified at the start, real issues of the body's standards - k allocation of power in South Africa, issues ansatial product quite outside the realm of "good faith". What is to be the exact composition of an interim South African government? What blocking mechanisms, amounting to a white or nonblack vero, will there be to restrain majority service conduct & and possibly one-party black rule? "Who, whom?" as Comrade Lenin succincity put it. search accumulate. The protestations of good faith, the euphoria any publich visibles of "multiparty negotiations", could hide Whether the old r. these questions for a time. Now the moment care up is a delegat of truth has arrived. Now Mr Mandela and min our most past the South African President, F. W. de Klerk, tions into the neural will have to show the full range of their a dehate worth pe leadership qualities.

Radicals within the ANC have long advoall his talk of clieds cated mass insurrection and the transformation of South Africa classlessness come ation of South Africa by socialism. They ed in a than appear argue that no real transfer of power ever we are not carried takes place without bloodshed. Ronnie Kazthe old by catalog of the Communist party, and his the out risk and a allies in the ANC, have long wanted what is dustice of the hand-in-last ironically called the Leipzig Option, a strategy of "mass action" on the streets to sweep away the Afrikaner Nationalists just as East European crowds brought down communist governments in 1989. The radicals got their way last week when the ANC launched Christ pher de Har Hatter of inuminately strikes and sit ins designed to fill the vacuum

Given the current recession black South African workers had scant reason to pit their might against the government beyond token stoppages. Many blacks are suspicious of Lenin's "the worse, the better". Previous disturbances, notably after riots in Soweto and the Eastern Cape in the 1970s and 80s, have not led to appreciable political gains. Mr Mandela himself said at a recent ANC meeting that his party could lose to the better organised Nats in an open election. President de Klerk has taken comfort from opinion polls which show that plans for racial power-sharing have overwhelming support, against the ANC's black majority rule.

Whites, Coloureds and Indians have been alienated by the ANC's overtly communist links. The rival Pan African Congress and the Azanian Peoples Organisation have refused to take part in the ANC's mass action programme. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. leader of the Zulu Inkatha movement, is an implacable foe of the ANC, so much so as to, be recklessly assisted by right-wing whites, whether or not under the authority of elements in the police.

True, the National government has a monopoly of armed force. True, there is little likelihood of sanctions being reimposed by the outside world. But sanctions were in any case a dead letter. What matters is that at a time of mass unemployment and an exploding birthrate no sensible foreign or native investor will put money into South Africa while the negotiating phase of change continues so haltingly. It was to end this that Mr de Klerk came to power and effected his dismantling of apartheid. There can be no turning back now. The logic of an end to economic and social apartheid was an end to

political apartheid. So back to the negotiating table it must be. Mr Mandela will have to convince the whites that no interim government will be followed by a black majority government bent on sweeping aside the old white order as if it never existed. Mr de Klerk, for his part. should once again strive to bring his policemen to heel. They can destroy but not create. Only a true settlement can do that.

MESSING ABOUT IN TRAINS

When there faller along the ball and chug of steam is again echoing where there into along the hedgerows of England. More and more steams trains, rescued in the nick of time from the headers. time from the breaker's yard and lovingly restored, are each weekend clanking sedately along the little lines condemned by Beeching, pulling period coaches filled with steam nostalgia buffs as well as a second to the nick of time from the breaker's yard and lovingly restored, are each weekend clanking sedately along the little lines condemned by Beeching, pulling period coaches filled with was the proof and the nick of time from the breaker's yard and lovingly Hard Hard Mark Steam nostalgia buffs as well as a younger generation that never know the intoxicating smell of freshly burned coal.

Trains no longer stop, alas, at Adlestrop, where Edward Thomas heard all the birds of England sine But Samuel and the birds of How we's England sing. But former stations are societies, mobilising volunteer navvies, push back through the brambles and reconnect with the British Rail network. Steam trains are now second only to fishing as a British hobby. Each weekend over two million and preserved railways. Some of them — such as the North Yorkshire are as busy now as when they were ordinary

commercial routes. A new line has just been added to the preservation network: the Brechin, Tayside inaugural journey worthy of the Titfield
Thunderbolt. The Andrew Barclay, built in 1926. set off yesterday, shrieking and whistling up a steep gradient on the four-mile line to the station where Queen Victoria and her entourage used to halt for breakfactor on their way to Balman.

Tailor of West and the second Half a dozen magazines now cater to the enthusiasts. Railwayana sales anract huge

crowds. Steam charters, hauled by historic locomotives, now operate almost year-round on long stretches of the rail network. British Rail is at last eager to cash in on a business it. and especially its unions, long regarded with suspicion. It has reversed its hostility to steam, which it wanted to banish from corporate memory, and now runs its own regular summer steam service on the "line to the isles" from Fort William to Mallaig.

BR is even allowing through-running on mainline and preserved track, joining preservation societies in joint marketing campaigns and encouraging the more ambitious, such as the Bluebell line and the East Kent and Sussex, to relink tom-up track to BR stations. Soon, like Irish railways, BR may start having to train its own steam

More important for the network is BR's newly enlightened approach to branch lines. Instead of cutting off every tributary and closing down rural stations, BR is now encouraging local communities to make a case for reopening stations and converting freight-only lines back to passengers.

Almost unnoticed by the public, 170 stations have been opened or reopened in the past ten years. Former closed lines in Welsh valleys, the Edinburgh suburbs and in the Midlands are again enjoying passenger services. Two big projects will soon reopen more than two dozen stations for commuter traffic on freight lines around Leicester and Nottingham. For each new service, the case has been made by the local community, which helps with reopening costs and then publicises the service. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maastricht: the people's right to know and to decide produce a version of the treaty which itself produces proposals to limit its

From Mr Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North (Conservative)

Sir. The nature of our partiamentary democracy is used as the clinching (and only) argument against a referendum on the Maastricht treaty. However, when we joined a mere common market that decision was subjected to popular confirmation through the ballot box. Now that we are on the threshold of an irreversible European union, how much greater is the imperative for popular consent

It is not for Parliament alone to decide that the powers of Parliament should be irrevocably transferred to other institutions. It is also a matter for the people themselves to decide

directly.
If the Danish, the Irish and the French are each entitled to a referendum, it would be a grave indignity to deny the British people a similar right. European union, with wholehearted consent, would surely be stronger and more durable than European union by manoeuvre and sleight of hand. If the Liberal party favours a referendum, and the Labour party is considering one, the Conservatives also should have the courage to put their trust in the people.

Yours faithfully. TONY MARLOW, House of Commons.

From Mrs Imogen Varney

Sir, Your report today of a Mori survey reveals that 83 per cent of Britons claim they are "largely in the dark" about the Maastricht treaty a greater proportion than in any other Community country. Is it not now the duty of the government of a democracy to provide us with the information we lack?

The Danish government's exam-ple ("Danes invoke Viking spirit to fight European union", report, May 28) demonstrates that it is possible to

can be generally understood. If this is not done we will have to conclude that keeping the general public in the dark over the treaty suits the government rather well. Yours faithfully. IMOGEN VARNEY,

Ash Tree Farm, Rhossili, Gower, Swansea.

From Lord Bruce of Donington Sir, Since the government evidently regards "subsidiarity" as its main reason for not abandoning the Maastricht treaty it would seem important that the public should be

aware of the precise text of article 3b which would be inserted in the Treaty of Rome. It reads as follows:-The Community shall art within the limits of the powers conferred upon it by this of the powers conterred upon it by this Treaty and of the objectives assigned to it therein. In areas which do not fall within its exclusive competence, the Community shall take action, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, only if and in so far as the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, he better achieved by the proposed action, be better achieved by the Community. Any action by the Community shall not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objectives of this Treaty.

Lord Mackenzie-Stewart fletter, June 15) has already dismissed this article as "a rich and prime example of gobbledy-gook embracing simultaneously two opposed concepts of subsidiarity. To regard the chosen formula as a constitutional safe-

guard shows great optimism". Within this context it is moreover necessary to point out that the interpretation of the article and its enforcement is, under article 155 of the treaty, firmly in the hands of guess who? - the Commission itself. The Council of Ministers has no power to act save on a proposal from the Commission. It has no right to

initiate any legislation.
Unless, therefore, the Commission

Polls 'boomerang' From Mr James Rothman

Sir, Mr Robert Worcester, chairman of MORI, contends (letter, June 16) that the Market Research Society's theory that the polls overestimate the Labour vote and underestimate the Conservative one should not be allowed to pass into political folklore.

I agree.

The only evidence offered by the MRS enquiry to support its post hoc theory is the record of the polls since 1959. However this evidence can be accounted for by the "boomerang

Experiments which I conducted in 1964, and which I drew to you readers' attention in a letter which you published on June 6, 1970, show that supporters of a party are less inclined to turn out and vote for it if they believe that their party is very likely to win and more inclined if they believe there is a danger of its losing. This explanation has the advantage

English prickles

From Miss Elizabeth Clark

Sir. How dare the Scots "lay claim" to Peter Rabbit (report, June 12) and his fellow characters! Mrs Tiggywinkle is English through and through unless, of course, Cat Bells hill has moved from the Lake District to Scotland.

I quote from the final page of The Tale of Mrs Tiggy-winkle: "And besides — I have seen that door into the back of the hill called 'Cat Bells' and besides I am very well acquainted with dear Mrs Tiggywinkle!"

Yours angrily ELIZABETH CLARK, Chitlands, Browns End Road, Broxted, Dunmow, Essex.

From Mrs V. R. Bond

Sir. You claim that the picture of Old Mr Pricklepin which you published on June 12 is one of Mrs Tiggywinkle, to whom he bears very little resemblance.

The only time Mrs Tiggy-winkle appears without a considerable amount of clothing is in the very last picture in the book bearing her name, when it is revealed (as if revelation were needed) that she is really "nothing but a hedgehog". Yours sincerely,

v. r. bond. 6 Elizabeth Avenue, Bagshot, Surrey.

Cost of 'Eldorado'

From Ms Julia Smith

Sir, Whilst I enjoyed your feature on my work for television (Saturday Review, June 13), I would like to correct the impression that we have spent £10 million of BBC licence payers' money on building the set in Spain for Eldorado. The cost of our permanent set was £1.5 million. which is considerably cheaper than the alternative open to us.

An average episode of Eldorado costs under £70,000, similar to other drama series such as EastEnders or Coronation Street. The £10 million figure is the cost of 156 episodes an entire year's production.

Yours faithfully. JULIA SMITH. Series Producer, Eldorado, Reed House, 65 Westcroft Square,

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of having been suggested well before the recent election.

The boomerang effect means that the average lead shown in the polls will tend to overestimate the election result. This has happened in all but three of the 12 elections since 1951. The exceptions were 1959, 1979 and 1987. In 1959 and 1979 the error was extremely small and in 1987 the Conservative lead was so great that Labour supporters may have been disheartened or switched to the

In spite of these exceptions I believe that the boomerang effect is a better explanation of the polls than the pro-Labour bias theory. It acpolls favoured the Conservatives, and is supported both by experimental evidence and by the results of elections that took place after it was

Yours faithfully, JAMES ROTHMAN, 25 Norfolk Road, NW8.

Council contracts

From the Director General of the Cleaning & Support Services Association

Sir. The anti-competitive practices by local authorities to which Councillor Eric Ollerenshaw has drawn attention (letter, June 15) are merely the tip of the iceberg. Private contractors find it commonplace for councils to put every obstacle in their way when awarding contracts. But after all the efforts to keep the work in-house many direct labour organisations (DLOs) still fail to perform.

According to the Municipal Journal, DLO failures on contracts awarded under compulsory competitive tendering exceed those by private contractors by about 20 to one. These failures have mainly arisen from contracts awarded inhouse at unrealistically low prices. the relative inexperience of DLOs and their inability to perform to tender specifications.

It is not surprising that the ma-jority of contracts have been retained in-house, as that is what the councils set out to achieve. But two recent independent surveys, conducted by the Local Government Management Board and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, have put the market share won by the private sector in building-cleaning at 40 per cent or above. Yours faithfully.

JOHN HALL Director General, Cleaning & Support Services Association. The Hop Exchange, 24 Southwark Street, SEI. June 15.

From Mr Ansel Harris

advised me that it had been removed to the police car pound in Calthorpe Street. Apparently the meter at which I parked was out of order and new restricted parking regulations, until 8.30pm at weekends, had been introduced on June 4. Whilst I might cavil at this, I recognise that ignorance is no defence."

short of a implete revision of the treaty, either to rid ourselves of a mass of ridiculously intrusive regulations already in force or to curb and prevent further Commission interventions into our national life. Nor is this all. Under the present

own authority nothing can be done,

regime not even a unanimous Council decision to amend an existing regulation can be accomplished without Commission consent. The Commission has a complete right of veto and, according to government replies to questions put to it in select committee on October 22, 1991, has done so on more than one occasion.

Maastricht addresses none of these fundamental questions. It should be decently interred, pending a carefully constructed inter-governmental conference to secure that. among other things, the Commis-sion is reconstituted as the servant of the Community and not its master.

Yours sincerely, DONALD BRUCE, House of Lords.

From Mr Anthony Quick

Sir, Largess from the EC was the key issue in the Irish referendum. Ireland gains every year some £1.5 billion from the Community, a sum easily covered by the British loss of 52.5 billion. Roughly one million Irish voters said "yes"; so, in the Alice in Wonderland world of the EC, the cost to the British exchequer of each Irish "yes" vote for just one year was £1,500.

Britain's generosity to the EC is of course far surpassed by Germany's. Both countries have far more important domestic demands than making such contributions to the Delors pork barrel.

ANTHONY QUICK, Corbin, Scorriton, Buckfastleigh, Devon. June 20.

Maxwell arrests

From Mr Simon Carne Sir. The letter from the Director of the Serious Fraud Office (June 22) regarding the time of day of the Maxwells' arrest seems to avoid

more questions than it answers. Early morning arrests may be appropriate for suspects who may be difficult to find or liable to abscond. but not so in the many instances where those under suspicion have been in no doubt that an arrest was possible and have apparently remained easily accessible to both

police and public alike. The presence of some press outside arrest may not have surprised the director or suggested to him that the press had been tipped off, but can he assure us that the number of photographers and TV camera teams was no higher than it has been at 6.30am on other days?

The plight of the Maxwell pensioners is not eased, nor are the prospects for ultimate justice assisted in any way, by turning the arrest of suspects in such serious cases into prime-time

Yours faithfully SIMON CARNE, Putnam, Hayes and Bartlett Ltd. (Economic and management counsel). Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, W1. June 22.

Beaver and Bulbul

From Sir Peter Masefield

Sir, Mr Keith Plested recalls (letter, June 15) Frank Crumit and that trenchant story about Abdul the Bulbul Ameer and the unfortunate Ivan Skovinsky Skovar. I have the authority of the late, great, first Lord Beaverbrook that the author of this sad and stirring tale was one Percy French, and it was written in 1875 or thereabouts.

In the course of the first non-stop flight from London (Northolt) to Washington DC in a converted Liberator bomber in July 1943 Lord Beaverbrook sang with high gusto, above the noise of the engines, all 17 verses of it, "to keep our spirits up". We were flying on an aviation/oil mission with a party which included government ministers.

We landed safely (after 19 hours 4! minutes in the air, much edified and emboldened by Max Beaverbrook's word-perfect recital, sung with vigour and feeling.

Yours faithfully. PETER MASEFIELD. Rosehill, Doods Way. Reigate, Surrey.

June 17. car until Monday, June 15, Bow

Wheels and woe

Sir, On Saturday, June 13, at

7.05pm I parked my car at the east side of Lincoln's Inn Fields. At 15 minutes past midnight on June 14 I returned to collect it, but it was not

At Bow Street police station they Yours faithfully.

However, I write because not only was I punished with a line of £95, but because I was denied the use of my

Street police station having advised me that the pound had closed at midnight and would not re-open until Monday morning.

Without success I have been endeavouring to establish the statute or regulation or local authority bylaw that permits both the removal of an illegally parked car and the denial of its use to its rightful owner for an additional 32 hours. Perhaps there is amongst your readers, even a resident of Lincoln's Inn itself, someone who can throw some light on what appears to be the introduction of a new principle in English law.

ANSEL HARRIS. 23 Ferncroft Avenue. Hampstead, NW3. June 18.

Greenpeace case on Sellafield

From Lord Melchett, Executive Director of Greenpeace

Sir. On June 18 your newspaper and others carried a large adventsement placed by British Nuclear Fuels Limited, the government-owned company which runs the Sellafield

nuclear reprocessing plant. The advertisement followed the successful application by BNFL for a High Court injunction (report, June 17) forbidding Greenpeace and local organisations from gathering at Sellafield on June 20 to protest against the proposed extension of the BNFL facility. That extension, as we interpret figures issued by BNPL, would involve a tenfold increase in radioactive emissions to the environ-

BNFL's claim in its advertisement that it won't allow Sellaticld as become a danger to the public will sicken the parents of children who now suffer from or who have deed from leukaemia. The government's advisory body, the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment, found in 1985 that "some feature of the [Schafield] nuclear plant ... leads to an increased risk of leukaenna in young

people living in the vicinity".

The BNFL advertisement claimed that Greenpeace had planned a 'mass open-air concert" at Sellafield. that this location would have been "totally unsuitable", that there would have been a public health risk and that it was not BNFL's intention to gag Greenpeace or its supporters"

Any music at Sellafield, had our protest taken place there in its planned form, would have been no more intrusive than a brass band at a rally. As to the public health risk, it is the environmental and health have ard created by radioactive discharges and Sellafield's processes which led thousands of people from over 50 groups to want to attend the protest. which had been agreed with BNFL

and the local police.

BNFL has now gagged that protest. Its action infringes two basic democratic rights: the right to freedom of expression and the right to freedom of assembly.

At considerable expense to the taxpayer, BNFL has acquired over 3.000 acres of land around Sellafield: homes, a lordship of the manor, part of a beach and farms. It seems that basic human rights which the government defends in other countries now no longer exist in this exclusion zone.

We estimate that BNFL has spent £100,000 of taxpayers' money on this advertising. Greenpeace and other groups funded by public the same way. We rely on your columns to put our side of this ease.

Yours faithfully, PETER MELCHETT, Executive Director, Greenpeace, Canonbury Villas, N1. June 22.

Grave goods

From Dr A. N. Eastaugh

Sir, To be buried with the sure knowledge that I did not have my "on call" bleep, would indeed be Heaven (letters, June 20, etc.).

Yours etc., A. EASTAUGH. York Road Surgery, Southwold, Suffolk.

From Mr Albert Dormer

Sir, Mrs Nott (June 17) should certainly take two decks of cards with her. Malcolm Forbes was called to the fate of us all in April 1990 just a few hours after playing brilliantly for Corporate America in the bridge match against a team from Parliament, captained by the Duke of Atholi.

A few weeks before his death he said: "If Heaven is Heaven, there'il be bridge there." I remain, Sir, your most obedient bridge correspondent. ALBERT DORMER. 6 Tomich by Cannich.

Inverness-shire. From Dr G. Pazzi-Axworthy Sir, I would take my copy of The Divine Comedy. The maps would be useful and I might discover what actually happened to those maligned ancestors of mine.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE PAZZI-AXWORTHY. Llys Eira, Birklands Lane,

St Albans, Henfordshire. From Mrs Maeve Maxwell Sir. I never travel without my altimeter.

Yours faithfully, MAEVE MAXWELL Tokenbury, Shaft Road. Combe Down, Bath, Avon.

From Mr Murray Johnston Sir, I would like to take my 100th birthday telegram from Buckingham Palace. DV. Yours hopefully MURRAY JOHNSTON. Longstead Cottage.

ightham Common.

Hereford.

Sevenoaks, Kent. From Mrs David Janus Sir, We brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out (1 Timothy vi. 7). Yours faithfully, KATHLEEN JARVIS. 28 Penn Grove Road.

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HOLYROODHOUSE June 22: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Dyce Station, Aberdeen, today, and were received by the Sec-retary of State for Scotland (the Rt Hon Ian Lang, MP) who joined Her Majesty's Household as Minister in Attendance and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeen (Mr James Wyness, the

Lord Provost).
Her Majesty and His Royal
Highness visited Fraserburgh to
mark the 400th Anniversary of its Royal Charter.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Fraserburgh, and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson), the Chief Executive, Banff and Buchan District Council, (Mr Richard Blackburn) and the Chairman, Fraserburgh 400 Committee (Mr Henry Duthie).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited the Fraserburgh Lifeboat Station and were received by the Chairman, Fraserburgh Lifeboat Station Branch (Mr J. Provan) and the Coxswain (Mr A. Sutherland).

After meeting members of the Lifeboat Crew and members of the Fund-Raising Committee. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness watched the launch of the Fraserburh Lifeboat.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently visited Balaclava Harbour and were received by the Chairman, Fraserburgh Harbour Commis-sioners (Mr John Wallace), when Her Majesty opened the Queen Elizabeth Dry Dock and unveiled

a commemorative plaque.
Her Majesty and His Royal
Highness watched a Children's
Pageant portraying the history of
Fraserburgh, and later visited Dalrymple Hall to view the Fraserburgh 400 Tapestry and other displays.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Fraserburgh 400 Committee with her presence at luncheon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening visited Glasgow and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robin Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and the Convener. Strathclyde Regional Council (Mr David Sanderson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended the Centenary Concert given by the Royal Scot-tish Orchestra at the Glasgow

Mr S.M. Andrews, former head-

master, Clifton College, 60; Lord Bruntisfield, 93; the Very Rev

Professor Henry Chadwick, mas-

ter, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 72;

Sir David Crouch, former MP,

73; Sir Oswald Davies, former chairman, AMEC, 72; Mr S.G.

Errington, former chairman, Mercantile Credit Company, 63; the Most Rev Dr John Habgood,

Archbishop of York, 65; Mr

Julian Hipwood, polo player, 46:

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, 52; Mr R.H. Jacques, governor, Liverpool Prison, 51; Miss Mir-

iam Karlin, actress, 67: Miss

Margaret Lane, novelist, 85; Ad-

Royal Concert Hall and were received by the Director, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall (Mr D. Cameron McNichol), the Chairman,

Royal Scottish Orchestra (the Lord Goold) and the Chief Exec-utive, Royal Scottish Orchestra (Mr Christopher Bishop). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Waverley Station, Edinburgh, this evening and were received by Her Maj-

esty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then drove to the Palace

of Holyroodhouse and were received by the Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Holyroodhouse (the Duke of Hamilton and The following are in atten-dance the Earl of Airlie, KT.

(Lord Chamberlain); the Countess of Airlie and the Lady Elton (Ladies in Waiting), the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes (Private Secretary to The Queen), Rear Admiral Sir Paul Greening (Master of the Household); Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Ross (Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office); Mr Robin Janvrin (Assistant Private Secretary): Mr Charles Anson (Press Secretary); Lieuten-ant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson (Assistant Master of the Household): Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Mather (Assistant Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office): Mr Geoffrey Crawford (Assistant Press Secretary): Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, (Equerry): Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN, and Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF.

By command of The Oneen, Sir

By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt, Her Maj-esty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire, was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this afternoon upon the arrival of The Queen of Denmark and welcomed Her Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 22: The Princess Royal this morning visited Kilmarnock in celebration of its 400th Anniversary as a Burgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Ayrshire and Arran (Major

Richard Henderson). Her Royal Highness visited the Ayrshire and Arran College of Nursing and Midwifery,

The Princess Royal then visited Hunslet Barclay Limited, Caledonia Works, West Langlands Street, to name the new locomotive Kilmarnock 400. Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the new sheltered

66; the Right Rev K.N. Sutton, Bishop of Lichfield, 58; Mr An-

thony Thwaite, poet, 62; Colonel

J.B. Timmins, Lord Lieutenant of

Greater Manchester, 60:

Birthdays today Professor Derek William Lomax, miral Sir Horace Law. 81: Mrs Patricia McLaughlin, former MP, 76; Professor J.E. Meade, tate valued at £442,821 net. nolitical economist, 85: Mr Jus-Mrs Anne Owers, former general secretary, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, 45; Mr John Prebble, writer, 77; Professor Sir Martin Rees, astronomer, 50; Professor Isaac Schapera, anthropologist, 87; Professor Lord Soulsby of Swaffham Prior, itable organisations.

distributed among various char-Mr Reginald Kaye, of Hamp-stead, London NW3, left estate valued at £5,931,804 net. Mr Thomas Dewis, of Exhall, Coventry, West Midlands, who died intestate, left estate valued at £979.156 net.

housing complex at Whatriggs Road, Bellfield. The Princess Royal sub-

sequently visited Dean Castle Country Park and as President. Riding for the Disabled Association, visited the Carrick Group at the Riding Centre.

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the new housing dev-elopment for the Leonard Cheshire Foundation at 4 Wardieburn Street East, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lordburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in

KENSINGTON PALACE June 22: The Prince of Wales this evening visited Cambridge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridge

shire (Mr James Crowden).
His Royal Highness, President,
The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, attended a recital by José Carreras followed by a dinner at King's College Cambridge. Mr Hugh Merrill was in

The Princess of Wales, Patron, this morning attended the In-stitute for the Study of Drug Dependence Media Awards luncheon at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanc-Westminster, London

Mr Patrick Jephson was in YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 22: The Duke of Kent, President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, today attended the opening day of the Wimbledon

Mrs Fiona Henderson and Captain the Hon Tom Coke were

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE June 22: Princess Alexandra to-day visited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Dur-ham (Mr David Grant).

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, visited the 7th (Durham) Battalion, The Light Infantry, at Gilesgate Armoury, Gilesgate, Durham. Subsequently Princess Alexandra opened the Women's In-

es' Northern Festival of Arts and Crafts at Beamish Hall Residential College, Beamish, County Durham. Mrs Peter Afia was in

Latest wills

merly Professor of Spanish at Birmingham University, left es-Mr Alfred Beall Stevens. of Broxbourne, Herts, late agriculturist and company director, left estate valued at £2,884,905 net. He left £100,000 to be



The sticks were used as receipts and details of transactions are inscribed on the sides. One inscription confirms payment of £6.13s 4d towards the knighthood of Prince Edward, son of King Henry III, from the Abbot of Abingdon. Another records £13.6s 8d from the Abbot of Broem for trespass in the forest. Experts

script. During a royal audit the official who paid a sum into the Exchequer would have to produce the corresponding stick which matched the split-away counterfoil. Since the notches for the sums were cut through both pieces and since no stick naturally splits evenly, the method made forgery difficult. Diary, page 12

Wellington College, Crowthorne

The following Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded in 1992:

Academic Awards
The Wellestey Scholarship: R.J. Neill, Caldicott.
The Benson Scholarship: R.J. Neill, Caldicott.
The Benson Scholarship: T.R. Lambourn, Eagle House.
The Fisher Scholarship: R.T. Holloway, Eagle House.

The Art Scholarship: E.J. Harris, Brambierye School.
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School. The Richard Morrison Scholarship: R.S. Yeomans. Eagle House. An Open Scholarship: I.M. Lewsley. Eagle House & Wellington College. An Open Scholarship: C.G. Baylis, Eagle House.

Dinners

Society.

St Augustine's College & The Abbey School, Westgate-on-Sea The Old Augustinian Society held a dinner on June 19, at Morton's, Berkeley Square. The Right Rev Dom Bernard Waldron, Abbot of Ramsgate, presided. The other speakers included Dom Augus-tine Coyle, Principal, and Mr Martin Morton, Chairman of the

Form Elizabeth Pounds-Comish, Wykehaer House School; Anna Conliturst, Derby High School; Melissa Swain, Brigidine Convent. N.M. Wiktomb, New College School; S.R. Oakes, Eagle House; G.C.A. Warkins, Pligrims' School; S.A. Foster, Hall Grove.

Old Augustinians are asked to contact Dom Stephen Holford at the school for information about the Society. Gloucestershire Lieutenancy

The Deputy Lieutenants of Gloucestershire and their ladies entertained the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs Henry Elwes at dinner on Monday, June 22, at Stowell Park, by kind permission of Lord Vestey, DL. and Lady Vestey. Sir Anthony Kershaw presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.V. Castledine and Miss H.S. Gallacher The engagement is announced between Trevor. son of Mr and Mrs M. Castledine, Coventry, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Gallacher, Coventry.

Mr C.E. Green and Miss E.S. Robbins
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Brigadier H.J.L. Green, CBE, and of Mrs H.J.L. Green, of Steyning. West Sussex. and Emma, daughter of Mrs Nigel

Sir Maurice O'Connell, Bt and Miss F. Raleigh

Lindrea and stepdaughter of Mr Nigel Lindrea, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

The engagement is announced between Maurice, elder son of the late Sir Morgan O'Connell. Bt, and of Lady O'Connell, of Killarney. Ireland, and Francesca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Raleigh, of Hong Kong.

Cambridge Tripos results

Philosophy Tripos Part la

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B Thomas (Queuns': S G Tacker (Emm):
M L Underhill (New H): T C Underwood
(John)

Class III: H K Dhullwal (King's); K & Fredrickson (Fitt); A I C George (John)

Archaeological and Anthropological Tripos Biological Anthropology

Biological Anthropology

Part II

Class E. E. Coleman (Newn): A C. Diamond (King's): M J Forshaw (Serwi: J A Green (Mago)

Class II (Dv. 1): K. E. Anderson (Calins): J. R. Bebb (Calins): E. Bird (Ghri): P. M. Branigan (Rob): J. M. Brooks (Newn): E. A. Brown (Clarit: J. Cheetham (Calin): J. A. Cole (Chri): F. J. Cooke (Ghri: V. Curtis: Gibni; M. Dimigen (Ghri: V. D. Gross): Gird. J. J. J. Goodio (Mago). A. J. Hart (Calins): S. A. N. Hill (Calins): R. K. Hirs. (Newn): J. B. Huddy (Emmi): P. M. Irving (Calins): R. A. Jackson (Gird. A. J. Polinston (Finn): G. J. Serwisan (Calin): G. J. K. Hill (Calins): J. Lloyd (New Hi: R. Massey (Petert): M. K. Masher (Petert): A. M. Molesworth (Trin): G. J. Newman (Calin): A. M. Commor (Copus): A. L. Philiport (Calins): M. K. Masher (Petert): A. M. M. Commor (Copus): A. J. Rice (Calins): S. Small (New Hi: D. G. M. Sutton (Selvi): A. R. Taylor (Calins): V. C. Williams (Down): G. B. Vell (Calins)

Chas II (Dir 2): B. J. L. Bartisley (Calin): S. Chan II (Div 2): B J L Bardsley (Cath): S M Patch [Queens'], J D P West (Th), W P Wylle (Corpus)

Preliminary Examination Archaeological and Anthropological Tripos Part II

Class I: J E Cecil (Newn); A K Seymout (Girt) Class II (Div 1): P L Campbell (Newt); E C Hall (Cath): S C Maclariane (Newh); S L Robinson (New H) Class II (Div 2): A S M Trapido (King's) Class (1): J J Brown (King's): B J Edmondson (Gird: D H Leighton (Chur)

Natural Sciences Tripos Part II **Psychology**

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C Regan (Corpus).

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(Down): R A Sharma (Down): D M
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Davis (Girt): M H Millar (Calus): D M
Mould (King's): M M Rumian (Girt): J R
Saunders (Peterh): O Y Wong (Rob)
Class III: None.

Natural Sciences Tripos. Part II History and Philosophy of

Science Class 1: \$ J Cook (King's); J R H Davis (Gird; K J Ryeons (Clare); \$ F Gentieusen (Peterit: H K Gomme (Clare); \$ M W Inglis (Irin): A R Morris (Tin H): R J Noakes (Corpus): K L Scriven (Trin H). Chapt II (Dir 1): It C Animan (Clarat A) C Stone (John), C J P Dinton (Girrat C Saprinto (Clarat C Halley Stone); S M S A Hossain (Calus); S M Hossain (Trins. D A Humer (John), C S Joyner (John); S L Kendall (John); Madia Stone (John); S L Frigo (Calus); S J Lower (Pemb); H N McGrath (Calus), L C V Marray (Girt, G J Frigor (John); M S Travey (Right, G J Frigor (John); M S Travey (Right); C G Woodley (Rob); T C Woodle (Diem); Clarat (John); T S G Satingsoft); S G Laftern (John); T S G Satingsoft); S G Laftern (Trins (L M); M-) Including (Section); C Right (John); B H D Sanwart (Girt).

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The following, who are not candidates for honours, have satisfied the Examinates O F Haubrich (John): S McClockry (Clard: S P Oh (Trin).
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Marriages

and Miss N.J. Johnston

The marriage took place on June 20. 1992, near Sydney, Australia, between Antony Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Jeffreys, of Lowestoft and Nicola Jane. daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Johnston, of King's Lynn.

Mr T.S.G. Moulton

and Miss O.J. Rees-Davies The marriage took place on Saturday, June 20, 1992, at St Margarets Church, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Thomas Moulton to Miss Oonagh Rees-Davies. The Rev Roger Holloway officiated.

ber uncle, Mr Antony Severne, and attended by her sister Miss Sheira Rees-Davies, Sarah Rowlands, Philippa Ratzky and Pierre Ratzky. Mr James Yeats-Brown was best man.

A reception was held on the A reception was held on the
Terrace of the House of Commons and the honeymoon is
being spent in Cornwall.

Major J. Rawlins
and Mrs L. Smith
The marriage took place quietly

The marriage took place quietly on Monday, June 15, 1992, in Dorset, of Major John Rawlins and Mrs Lavinia Smith, nee MacArthur.

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BIRTHS -AGNEW - On June 18th 1992, to Marie-Claire, wife of Jonalhan, a daughler Clarissa Virginia. AINSCOUGH - On June 19th, to Caroline (née Money-Kyrle) and Christopher, a daughter, Harriet Anne.

ANTHONY - On June 19th, to Joanna (née Finch-Joanna (née Finch-Knightley) and Paul, a son. Harrington Arthur Heneage, a brother for Charlotte. BONSALL - On June 20th, to David and Margaret, a second daughter, Kathryn Penelope.

BURNETT - On June 16th, to Anne ince Humfreyt and David, a daughter, Laura Frances Kathleen, a sister for

COEN - On June 20th 1992. to Lucinda and Enrico, a daughter, sister for Pip and Timmy. Many thanks to the staff of Norfolk and Norwich COPE - On June 20th, to Susk (née Cherry) and Simon. a son. Nicholas, a brother for James and Caroline. Father, is over the moon!

COPSEY - On June 19th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Brian and Ruth, a son, Edward Mark, a brother for Peter. CROZIER - On June 4th. at The Portland Hospital, to Kimberley unee Darling) and Robin, the safe arrival of a

eautiful daughter, a sister GREEN - On June 16th, to Pippa unee Bottings and Barry, a son, George William

HARDWICK - On June 21st. to Jacquetine (née Well) and Philip. a daughter. Emily Sophie. a sister for Alice.

HIRST - On June 19th, lo Rosalind unée Owens) and Richard. a daughter, Caroline Vera Jane. JUCKES - On June 20th, to Bridget (née Finch) and William, a daughter. Charlotte Louise Forrest. KinG - On May 7th 1992. at 00.42 hrs. to Peter and Jane (nee Wilson), another wonderful son. James Richard, a brother for Michael. POLIAKOFF - See Coep.

KIRKMAN - On June 9th. at St Peter's Hospital. Chertsey. to Carolyn (née Hough) and Crispin. a son. Rollo James Hough. a brother for Alexander. MACPHERSON - On June 19th 1992, to Fenella mae Flemons) and Andrew, a son, Thomas. Thomas.

MEREDITH HARDY - On June 20th 1992 in Melbourne, Australia, to Clare and Luke, a son.

William Michael.

MORTIMER - On June 16th. to Antonia (née Booth) and David. a daughter. Polly Anne, a sister to Emily. MOULD - On May 23rd at Angers, France, to Anne-Elise (née Carrieutile) and MUNFORD - On June 16th, to Sophia thee Badcock) and Stephen, a daughter, Caroline Frances.

OAK-RHIND - On June 19th. In Maiaga, to Penny and RODGERS - On June 17th, to Patricia and Michael, a beautiful daughter. Hannah Lucinda Ellen, a sister to

Luctuda Ellen. a sister to Andrew. ROGERS - On June 19th. to Caroline (née Tester) and David, a son. Charles Francis Tester, a brother for Luke. TUFNELL - On June 19th. to Jane and Mark, a son, Henry Carleton Richard. WAKEMAN - On June 20th in Ascol. to Helem (née O'Sullivan) and Alan, a son. Offver James.

WICKENDEN - On May 22nd 1992, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Reading. to Philippa inse Whitear) and Charles, a son, Alex John WOODMAN - On June 17th, to Mette and Brian, a son, Alexander James.

MARRIAGES ENGLAND:BEACHAM - The marriage took place in Hemel Hempstead on Saturday June 20th at St Mary's

DEATHS ANDERSON - On June 18th. ANDERSON - On June 18th.
Delride, much loved mother
of Timothy. Funeral at 1.45
pm Monday June 29th at
Harrow Road Crematorium.
Flowers to undertaker, H.J.
Bent & Co., 543 Ladbroke
Grove, London W10.

AUBREY-FLETCHER - On June 19th in Oxford, John Henry Lancelot, 7th Baronet, beloved husband of Diana and father of Henry and Susan. Service at St Mary's, Chilton, on Thursday June 25th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, Willow House. Marston Road. Cranborough, Bucks.

AYKROYD - On June 20th

Granborough, Bucks.

AYKROYD - On June 20th
1992. Sylvia, widow of Sir
Affred Aykroyd and Li. Col.
Foster Newton Thorne,
peacefully at Marley House
Nursing home. Winfrith
Newburgh, Funeral Service
at St Christopher's Church,
Winfrith Newburgh, on
Friday June 26th at 10.30am
followed by privale cremation, Family flowers only,
donalions to The Cancer
Reilef MacMillan Fund c/o
Woods (Dorchester) Lid., 11a
Ican Way, Dorchester,
Dorsel, let: (0305) 262666.

BACON - On June 18th 1992
In her steep at Bariding Hall

in her steep at Barking Hall Nursing Home. Dorts Kate, much loved by her daughters Cynthia and Yvonne and all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Chelsworth nr. Insudeh on Service at All Saints Church.
Chelsworth. nr. Ipswich, on
Monday June 29th at
2.30pm. No flowers please, if
desired donations for Ipswich
& East Suffolk Spastic
Society or The Stroke
Association may be sent to
Singleton & Hastings Funeral
Service. Borners Street.
Ipswich. Suffolk IP1 3LW. BROWN - On June 19th

BNOWN - On June 19th
1992, peacefully effer a
brave battle against cancer,
Quentin McDonaid, aged 39.
Much loved and greatly
missed by all his family and
friends. Funeral arrangements: 10932) 227812. ments: 10932) 227812.
CHARRINGTON - On June 22nd 1992. peacefully at home. Olive Julia Houghton. Wonderful mother to June. Cray. Gill and Dawn and darling GanGan to all her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin. Childswickham, at 2pm on Monday June 29th. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Miss Browett. Trassurer. Guide Dogs for the Billad. Cotswold Lea. Hospital Road, Moreton-in-Marsh. Gios.

in-Marsh. Glos.
COTTER - On June 20th,
Arthur John Sandford
Cotter. or 19 Bathurs! Street.
Woollabra.
Australia. husband of the late
Katherine, father of Caroline
Guild.
grandfather of
Hamish. Dougel and
Alexandra Guild.

CROFT - On June 21st 1992
at The Yorkshire Clinic.
David, aged 53 years. Dearly
loved husband of Dulcie.
very dear father of Jared.
dear steptather of Andrew.
grandpa to Craig. Liam and
Kart. Beloved son of Clarissa
and the late Fred Croft. Dear
brother of Brian and
Richard. A much loved
brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral Service and
cremation private. A
Memorial Service to be
arranged at a later date.
Donalions. It so desired. may
be made to The Haemophitis
Society. 123 Westminster
Bridge Road. London SC1
7HR. All enquiries may be
made to HJH. Birch and Son
Ltd. of Nab Wood, Shipley.
tel: (0274) 563467.

DEAN - On June 22nd 1992.

tel: (0274) 583467.

DEAN - On June 22nd 1992.
peacefully in her 88th year.
Hetty. Beloved widow of
Harvey. Ster of Edna.
mother of Gordon. motherin-law of Lindy.
grandmother of Joanna.
James and Caroline and
spreat-grandmother of
Benjamin. Funeral Service at
1.15 pm on Thursday June
25th 1992 at Putney Vale
Crematorium. Kingston
Road. Putney SW15.
Flowers to Froderick Paine.
29 Combe Road. Kingstonupon-Thames. KT2 7AY, tel:
(081) 546-4813.

FORREST - On June 20th 1992, John Orchover Forrest FDS RCS. Much loved husband. Father and grandfather. Funeral on Wednesday June 24th at 3pm at Golders Green Crematorium. Hoop Lane. NW11. No flowers but donations if desired to Royal Free Hospital Leukaemia Donation Fund. attn Prof. Hoffbrand.

FRYER - On June 20th 1992. FRYER - On June 20th 1992.
Joan. at The Norfolk and
Norwich Hospital. Much
loved wife of Freddy and
mother of Rupert Funeral
Service at All Salnis Church.
Wood Norton. Norfolk. on
Saturday June 27th at
2.50pm followed by
interment. Family flowers
only by 2 pm direct to
Church. please. Church, please.

GIMSON - On June 18th, suddenly at home. Peter Charles Ranger Gimson. aged 68 years, beloved husband of Anne and greatly loved and sadly missed father of Mary and Sarah and endended family. Church Service at St. Mary's Barnham 12-46 pm. prior to cromation at Chichester Cre.

cremation at Chichester Cre-materium 1.30 pm Friday June 26th. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Relief.

HARKER - On June 17th 1992. peacefully. Ted frhomas Edwin Dysoni of Ascol. Berkshire. Dearty beloved husband of Sally. loved and respected father of Lyn. Yom and Clare, brother of Margarel and Rosemary. grandfather of James, Guy. Luke and Emily Winkworth and Jonathan and Toby Moss. A Thanksyting Service for his life will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Sunninghill. Berkshire, on Thursday July 9th at 12 noon to which all his numerous friends are invited. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to The Intensive Care Unit. Royal Berkshire Hospital. c/o Woking Funeral Service. 119-121 Cotdsworth Road. Woking. Surrey CU21 LLR.

HARKER - On June 17th

HAWARD - On June 20th 1992, John Haward OBE DSC peacefully at Roodlands Hospital. Haddington. Dearest husband of Shirley. faither of Sue and Mandy and grandad of Peter and Sally Funeral private. Service of Thanksplying at Holy Tringty Thankspiving at Hoty Trinits'
Church, Haddington, on
Wednesday June 24th at
2.30 pm. Donations, if
desired, to Earl Hals Fund,
New Haig House, Logie
Green Road, Edinburgh EH7.

DEATHS HOLDEN - On June 19th in London, Harold, peacefully at home. A dear friend will be greatly missed.

GROVES - On June 20th, Sir Charles Groves CBE, aged 77 years. Dearly loved husband of Hilary. Yather of Salty, Mary and Jonathan, grandfather of Tom, Rebecca, Kalharine, Nancy, Tamara, Patrick and Edward, Funeral Service to be held at 11 am on Friday June 26th in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral. No flowers please, but donations can be made to the St Pancras Elderty Citizens' Society, St Pancras Way, London NW1 OPE, in gratifude to the staff of St Pancras Hospital for whom no praise can be too high. A Memorial Concert will be aunounced at a later date. JACKSON - On June 19th, peacefully in hospital, Joyce Marian, aged 83, of Charlwood, Surrey, Widow of Pat and much loved mother of Peter and Veronica and loving grand-mother. Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Charlwood, on Friday June 26th at 1.30pm. Enquiries to King and Hooper (0293) 784999. a later date.

HANDLE - On June 18th in Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, Dr. Doreen Handle, wife of the late Brian Handle, fornearly of Letchworth, Herts. Fumeral Service at West Herts. Crematorium, Garsion, Herts., on Monday June 29th at 11.30 am. No flowers please by request, Donations in memory for The Garden House Hospice, Letchworth, Herts, Imay be sent c/o W. Austin & Sons, 9/11 Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts. SGI 3HX, tel: (0438) 316623.

JACKSON - On June 13th 1992, peacefully at home, Elizabeth Groves the Elbourn; aged 8t Dearly loved wife of Leonard A. Jackson, devoted mother of Elizabeth and Penny and mother to Jon. Beloved grandmother to Simon. Miles. Tim and Rachel. Cremation has taken place. JENSEN - On June 19th, Eric Alexander. Author and Publisher. Treumited with Nora'. Fumeral Service at The Downs Crematorium on Wednesday July 1st at 3 pm. Simple flowers please. Donalions if desired to Copper Cliff Hospice, Brighton. Enquiries to the Co-operalise Fumeral Service. 133 London Road. Brighton. Sussex. (02731 607276.

LE POER TRENCH - On June 19th 1992, at the Mailda Hospital, Hong Kong, after a long illness bravely fought. Pat. devoted widow of Derek, beloved mother of Caroline Courtauld and grandmother of Toby. Flora, Clara and Lily. Funeral to be held at St. John's Cathedral. Hong Kong, at 10 am on Tuesday June 23rd and a Service of Thanksgiving in Ireland on a date to be announced. LE POER TRENCH - On June

MATHIESON - On Salurday

June 13th, suddenly in Karachi, Pakkisan, Andrew Stewart Mathicson (also known as Akbar Salmani, missed by family Buried in Society Graveyard, Karachi, on Monday June 15th McLEAN - On June 22nd 1992, pearefully in his steep at home, Nell Malcolm (Callum) of Breda, husband of Elizabeth, father and grandfather. Much loved and serely missed, (A partner in MacLaine Watson Co.) Family funeral with date of Memorial Service to be announced. 19th 1992, peacefully in Emsworth Hospital. Spiria. dearly loved mother of Simon. Andrew and Nigel. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving al St Mary's. Funtingion, on Thursday July 9th at 3 pm. No flowers. please.

SCOTT PLUMMER - On June

please.

STOKER - On June 2nd 1992
peacefully, and in good
hands, al Countess of
Brecknock House, Andouer,
Alice Kennedy MacAllister
thee Off! from cancer, aged
45, dearly loved wife of
Chris and mother of Michael,
She will be missed by all who
know her Memorial services
at St Andrewes Church,
irvine, Ayrshire at 10 30 am
on June 26th, and al Holy
Trinity Church, Penton
Mewsey, Andouer, Hantis, at
4 pm on June 28th Donations to Cancer Relief
Macmillan Fund.

TREMBATH - On Salurday

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June 20th 1992, Anne, aged
69 years, of Dummow, Essex,
Peacefully al the home of her
daughter. The Old Vicarage,
Althallows,
Cumbria, A much loved
mother of Anthony, Timothy
and Sandy, Loving daughter
of Molly and a devoted
granny, Funeral Service and
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DEATHS PEARS - On Saturday June
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Windiesham Manor, Molly
Kathleen unée Wallers) aged
84 years, wife of the late
John Pears, Much loved
mother of Ann, Pat and
Salty, grandmother and
great-grandmother, Cremation at The Surrey and
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nr. Crawley, on Friday June
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WISDOM - On June 20th 1992. peacefully. Freda Isobel. much loved companion of Simon. She will never be forgotten. MEMORIAL SERVICES JORDAN - A Memorial Service for the late Peg Jordan of Kidderminster, who died May 19th. will be held at St John the Baptist Church. Kidderminster, on September 26th 1992 at midday. Donations if desired to the League of Friends (Kidderminster Hospitals).

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WALLACE - On June 22nd. Ethel (Wally), peacefully at Stocton Court Residential Home. Guildford, aged 103 years. Much loved by verymany during her long fits, including as a teacher al Guildford High School and Gr 36 years at St Culthbert's Mission School in the Transled Courts.

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 16 IRIDAL

(c) Pertaining to a rainbow, or referring to the iris of the eye, which takes its name from the rainbow, from the Greek iris rainbow; Nabokov, Ade: "The tribal dark-brown of her serious eyes had the enigmatic opacity of an Oriental hypnotist's look."

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(b) A lump or large pill, from the Greek solar a clod or lump of earth: "Grandinther Hippagorus was physicking the ass, sticking a turpentine and union bolus down it."

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RENITENT (c) Recalcitrant, resistant, reluctant, from the Latin reniti to struggle: "It was easy for De Etastela; he could handle renitent equations single-handedly. Single-mindedly?" Single-mindedly?"

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prising that in 1972 the

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ed him as their director in

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who, with Donald Harden.

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and London museums. Al-

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OBITUARIES

Li Xiannian, president of China from 1983 to 1988 and head of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference from then until his death, died on June 22. He was born in 1905.

Action and Print Park Company Li XIANNIAN'S career in the convice of China's revolutand I conomy Tripos Pan L the service of China's revolu-tion was longer and more continuous than that of any other member of the first generation of Chinese Communist Party leaders. He once had the temerity to criticise Mao Tse tung when Mao was still party chairman, and he was strongly opposed to the pace and scope of economic reform promoted by Physics, and Theoretical Physics Deng Xiaoping. Unlike Deng, who was twice discarded and narrowly escaped ruin if not worse. Li saw unbroken service in Peking in the upper ranks of government and party from the time of his appointment as finance minister in 1954 until his

> His elevation to the presidency in 1983 was partly a tactical move by Deng Xiaoping to remove from the centre of power a man who remined some sympathy with Maoism. But it was also a fitting culmination of a long career which had begun in the days when the communists were struggling to over-throw the Kuomintang and had continued through the vicissitudes of post-1949 China. Afterwards, although his post as chairman of the Chinese People's Political Con-Conference sultative (CPPCC) was largely power-less, he remained until his death one of eight aged leaders — informally called "the immortals" - credited with exerting a powerful influence

on Chinese politics from behind the scenes. Li Xiannian was the son of a poor peasant, and apprenticed at an early age to a carpenter. He joined the army in its northern expedition in 1926 but when the Kuomintang broke with the Communists in the following year Li joined the Communist Party. He spent five years, not in the liberated area in Jiangsi province where Mao's career took shape, but in a similar area, known as Oyuwan, which straddled the provinces of Hubei, Henan and Anhui.

The political leader there was Zhang Guotao, who later quarrelled with Mao and left the party. As in Jiangsi, the guerrillas were under constant attack and in 1933 they moved into northern Sichuan; there they were joined by the Jiangsi contingent which was by then some months into the journey since known as the Long March. At this juncture, and more

than once afterwards, disagreements led to the party's military units following dif-ferent routes under different commanders. Li's odyssey lasted the longest. The force under his command had only reached the fringes of Gansu and Qinghai province by the time that the various tributary streams of the original marchers were gathering round Yanan. His battered and tiny contingent, much reduced by desertion, was the last to arrive at the Communist headquarters at the end of 1937.

During the wartime truce between the Communists and the Kuomintang Li was briefly associated with a second army, known as the New Fourth, which was set up in central China. But he then returned to Hubei, where he took part in the formation of what became the Second Field Army, commanded by the popular General Liu Bocheng, which shared in the final Communist victory in 1949. Li was Liu's deputy and Deng his political

commissar After 1949 Li served first in

LI XIANNIAN



his home province of Hubei as party secretary, military commander and governor before being transferred, rather surprisingly, to the finance ministry in Peking in 1954. He became a vice-premier in the same year and at the eighth party congress in 1956 was promoted to the

politburo. He contrived to keep on good terms with most of his colleagues most of the time. and held posts as an economic planner continuously through the trials of the Great Leap Forward (1958-61), the reversion to incentives that followed (1962-65), outright attack on the party in the Cultural Revolution (1966-68) and the continuing struggle within the party until Mao's death (1969-76).

As finance minister in 1958 Li criticised Mao's attempt to bring about instant growth as unattainable. Li was dubious about communes but unwilling to oppose Mao outright. His anxieties over the balance between central control and local initiative reflected an issue which bothers China to this day.

During the Cultural Revolution Li suggested that the "Little Red Book" — the sacrosanct collection of Mao's sayings - should not be taken too literally. He was attacked in Red Guard posters, was briefly sacked as minister and once had to face severe heckling from three thousand teenage Maoists. But he survived, as many of his colleagues did not, and later in the 1970s, when the Cultural Revolution was under attack, he no doubt gained from the criticism he had suffered.

After Mao's death he emerged as the third member of the trio led by Hua Guofeng - the other was Ye Jianying - and at the 11th party congress, controlled by Hua, he was made a party vice-chairman and a member of the standing committee of the politburo. Only when Hua's over-am-

bitious economic plans were put into effect in 1977 and 1978 did Li run into trouble. The sober, hard-headed realist had joined in too sanguine a view of the Chinese economy, especially the ill-founded prospect of vast oil production. With the cutbacks of the early 1980s, when Deng took charge, Chen Yun was given authority over Li as supervisor of the Chinese economy. By 1981 Hua had been downgraded to the back

benches of the central committee; and Ye was evicted from real power, though with much more difficulty, at the 12th party congress in 1982. That left Li as the remaining focus for anti-Deng or pro-Mao partisans and his choice for the presidency moved him away from the centre of power. In his first speech after taking office he showed his continuing sympathy with the inheritance of Mao. He was not prepared to be simply a figurehead. He spoke out firmly in defence of Peking's policies in Tibet, telling critical American congressmen to mind their own business. And, shortly before a visit to China by the Queen, he made a speech pointedly recalling the "gunboat diplomacy" that had humbled China before the nineteenth century military might of the western

He differed with Deng on the speed and extent of economic reform, continuing to place his faith in centralised control. He was at odds, too, over the party's image and while other senior party leaders began wearing Westernstyle suits in the mid-1980s, he remained a dour figure in

Mao suits and cloth shoes.

After five years as president

he was forced out to make way for Yang Shangkun, the present head of state but he continued to play a political role, replacing Deng Yingchao, the widow of Chou En-lai, as the chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. His influence was noted when the consultative conference delayed circulation of Deng's speeches when Deng launched a programme of economic reforms in an attempt to out manouevre government hardliners. Li was also believed to have criticised Zhao Ziyang, the liberally inclined party leader in the run up to the pro-democracy campaign in 1989 and when the pro-democracy activists occupied Tiananmen Square Li was among the senior leaders

who urged the government to use the army to bring the situation under control. Li was last seen in public in February 1991 and had not attended meetings of the CPPCC for more than a year but he was believed still to be a significant political figure. Li's official obituary issued jointly by the Communist Party, the parliament, the cabinet and the miltary lauded him as "a great proletarian revolutionary, statesman and strategist, a firm Marxist and an outstanding party and state leader".

Li was probably not simply factional leader. Caution, skill in political manoeuvres, adaptability and, not least, an ability to avoid provoking enmity must all have contributed to his remarkable survival.

THOMAS HUME

Thomas Hume, CBE, director of the Museum of London, 1972-77, died in King's Lynn on June 16 aged 74. He was born in Newcastle upon Tyne on June 21, 1917.

MUCH of Tom Hume's career was spent dealing with the second world war's impact on museums in this country. The high points were the rebuilding of Liverpool Museum in the 1960s and the creation of the Museum of London in the 1970s, both made necessary by wartime destruction. Two strands permeated all he did for museums: he never lost sight of their educational purpose, and he resisted English insularity, seeing museums in a world context.

Hume did not fall into the category of museum showman/director: he was a great delegator and gave credit to his staff where it was due. But his achievements are permanent.

After completing war service in the Royal Air Force Hume read history at King's College, Durham (now the University of Newcastle). He became curator at Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds, at the age of 31. In 1952 he moved to the Buckinghamshire County Museum, Aylesbury, to be in charge of the schools education service and in 1953 took over as curator of the museum

In 1960 Liverpool city council appointed him as its museum director with the pri-mary task of managing the reconstruction of the main museum in William Brown Street. An air raid in May 1941 had almost completely destroyed it although, fortunately, most of its collections had been removed to safety. The task involved creating, behind the 1860 facade. a completely new museum of 55,000 sq ft, designed by the city architect Ronald

Bradbury. Hume's first task was to develop the staff necessary for the scale of the project. This meant not only more curators but, rarely for museums at that time, the creation of specialist departments for design, conservation and education. The building was completed in two phases; financial restrictions meant the new displays took longer. The result was that the task occupied the whole 12 years that Hume worked for the city. Phase I was opened on March 25, 1966, by Harold Wilson, then prime minister and in the middle of an election campaign.

in 1969 Phase II was completed with the principal galleries, planetarium and coffee shop. The last of the new galleries to be displayed under his direction was the Port of Liverpool Gallery, opened in July 1971. Some of the richest collections outside London had, after 30 years, finally regained their proper

terests. He had long been associated with the International Association of Transport Museums, of which he was vice-president, and the International Council of Museums, of which he chaired the British national committee. Once retired he directed the ICOM/Unesco museum exchange programme in 1978-79 and he also acted as a consultant on a number of museum projects in the Middle East. From 1977 to 1986 he was a member of what is now the Museums and Gal-

leries Commission. He is survived by his wife. a daughter and two sons.

REG HARRIS

Reginald Hargreaves Harris, world champion racing cyclist, died on June 22 aged 72. He was born in Bury on March 1, 1920.

REG Harris brought courage to a natural talent for sporting achieve-ment. He needed it in a life that was punctuated by adversity, both on and off his bicycle, and by controversy.

He was riding through the lanes of his much loved Cheshire only two days before his death when he was believed to have suffered a minor stroke. Heart problems had featured in the later years of his life but, true to character, he was at first reluctant to go to hospital. Finally he agreed, but there suffered a further stroke. Only last week he had attended a reunion of former British Olympic Games medallists at a ceremony in Manchester in the presence of the Princess Royal.

During his racing career Reg Harris won five world sprint championships, one as an amateur and four as a professional, and broke world records. He had set himself the highest standards and in retirement he was critical of the state of British sprint cycling. Indeed he felt so strongly that thirty years after he had won his first national amateur championship. Harris made a comeback. He proved his point by winning the British professional title at Leicester in 1974 at the age of 54.

Reg Harris grew up in Lanca-shire, the son of a shoemaker, and saved the money from his work at a local paper mili to finance his passion for cycling, which had started as a schoolboy. He was prepared to work seven days a week during the winter in order to cycle during the summer. During the war he served in the 10th Hussars and was considered lucky to have escaped from a blazing tank in North Africa after an encounter with the Germans. Injuries from that incident kept him for almost a year in military hospi-

tals and convalescent homes before his discharge as "medically unfit". Harris was always reluctant to discuss the background to his injuries. Instead, he demonstrated his great courage in setting about regaining the speed that had seen him selected for Britain's world track championship team in Milan in 1939. But, with war appearing to be just around the corner, the team was



ordered home before the competition started.

Declared unfit for further military duties, Harris had returned to racing a year before his discharge and in 1944 won his first British amateur sprint title, his speciality. He was to continue an unbroken run of successes through to his last in 1947. By that time he had exchanged the scrawny legs of a teenager for two well-muscled adult pistons that drove him at 40mph in finishing sprint.

Harris, once a railway ticket clerk, became the first of a group of young British riders to attempt to join mainland Europe's racing "circus" and, for many years, was the only one to succeed. His reputation was quickly established and at the back of his mind was the thought that, with so many of the top Continental riders passing into the autumn of their careers, the possibility of turning professional had greater attractions, especially financial ones, than remaining an outstanding amateur. When Harris won his first world sprint title on the original Parc des Princes track in Paris in July 1947 he had succeeded in overcoming those wartime injuries and took Britain's first "rainbow jersey" (arc en ciel) since the victory of Harold Johnson in 1922.

Harris was fortunate in two respects at that time. He had an invaluable rapport with a Manchester Wheelers team col-league, Tom MacDonald, and he had also attracted the support of the country's foremost cycle manufacturer, Raleigh. But the lonely transition to the cash ranks (there were no other British professionals at the time) was suspended for another

Harris wanted to win the Olympic title at the London Games in 1948. knowing that it would enhance future contract money and make him an attractive asset to a sponsor. His build-up for the Games was disastrous. When the British track season started on the Good Friday with the traditional opening meeting at Herne Hill he was missing.

Driving to the venue Harris was involved in an accident serious enough to jeopardise his Olympic hopes and, possibly, his entire future as a champion cyclist. He had two broken bones in his spine and doctors were not optimistic about a permanent recovery. The courage of Harris was evident again. Within a month he was riding, albeit at a snail's pace, and in early May he returned to competition.

There was a further setback to overcome when, in one of his early races, Harris crashed, breaking a bone in his wrist. The Games were only a month away; Harris had been selected for the individual sprint and also to pilot Alan Bannister in the tandem event.

There were moments in the interim when Harris must have believed that he would never go to the line in the Olympic competition, becoming involved in a row with the then controlling body, the National Cyclists' Union, and losing his place in

the team. He had been required to complete

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rest of the squad. But Harris, by now used to being a "loner" and preferring to make all his own arrangements, did not find the camp's facilities suitable and returned home to Manchester to train by himself.

his final training in London with the

The NCU removed him from the team. Peace moves lasted for days but eventually Harris, now mentally as well as physically injured, was reinstated. His condition showed once the Games started. He lost the Olympic gold to Italy's newcomer. Mario Ghella, in the two-man final. It was again to be silver in the tandem sprint when all Harris's strength and courage were needed as his machine's front wheel punctured at high speed in the semifinals. His handling of the tandem, keeping upright, saved him and Bannister from possible serious injury on the cement track. That display gained him some of the biggest applause of his career.

Harris had his first professional race in October that year. It was an inauspicious debut. He punctured and crashed in Brussels. But that memory was quickly wiped out. In 1949 Harris was firmly established as a professional and launched a brilliant run of four world titles (1949, 50, 51 and 54) to add to his 1947 amateur championship. He was hailed as one of the

Britain's great postwar sports ambassadors at a time when our sporting achievement, weakened by the war, was distinctly poor and in 1950 he won the Sportsman of the Year award with a clear majority from the footballer Billy Liddell. Whenever Harris raced abroad he was appreciated not only for his cycling prowess but because he was articulate, spoke fluent French, was immaculate in dress and of impeccable behaviour. Among the disappointments he

felt in recirement was that national organisations did not take advantage of his experience, knowledge and contacts. He would have been a hard taskmaster as a team manager, but Britain's cyclists might have been persuaded to reflect his own golden days. Instead he became a successful businessman — and then he was persuaded to take up professional cycling again in his early fifties by his own doctor.

He married three times and leaves a widow, Jennifer.

Reception

HM Government

was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government in Edinburgh Castle last night for members of the Police Advisory Board for Scotland.

NCH George **Thomas Society**

Viscount Tonypandy, President of the NCH George Thomas Socicty, attended the annual meeting and reception held yesterday at Le Meridian Hotel Mr Neville Shulman, chairman, presided.

June 23 ON THIS DAY

Aithough the violation of Germany's pact with Russia (August 1939) took the public by surprise, informed sources had been aware for some time that a conflict was inevitable. In October 1940 Hitler was reported as boasting that he would bring Stalin "back in chains".

GERMAN **ARMY ATTACKS** RUSSIA

The German High Command vesterday announced:-Fighting broke out on the Soviet-Russian border early today [Sunday].

An attempt by the Russians to fly over East Prussia was re-pulsed with heavy losses. Ger-man fighters shot down many Red bombers. The German News Agency

said last night (according to the British United Press) that formations of German aeroplanes had been carrying out attacks in waves on airfields, anti-aircraft positions, and troop concentrations, as well as defence works, in Russia and Russian-occupied countries throughout yesterday. "These attacks appear to have achieved considerable suchave

cess," the agency claimed, "not only in the destruction they have caused on the ground, but also in the destruction of enemy aeroplanes in air battles." During the afternoon the

Berlin wireless broadcast ac-counts by what it said were eyewitnesses of the first German air raids on Russian aerodromes. The aeroplanes were instructed to destroy acrodromes in Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. The pilots returned claiming complete

A correspondent with the German Army attacking Russia, in a message to Berlin yesterday, said that the whole front opened fire at the Ger-

1941 man assault. The German soldiers, with the most modern equipment, then overran the first of the Soviet positions. Within a few minutes the Germans had captured the frontier posts and had brought in the first Russian prisoners. All lights were burning in the villages and towns over the

Soviet frontier. There was no hlack-out. The Berlin wireless, quoting what purported to be an eye-witness, claimed last night that German troops, crossing the River Bug under a fierce artillery barrage, had been able to establish a bridgehead and penetrate deep into Russian territory. Little resistance was by the Russians on the bank of the river, it was stated.

German and Finnish troops are making a joint attack from lian Isthmus, and are striking in the direction of Leningrad according to the Helsinki Correspondent of the Stock-

holm newspaper Allehanda.
The Ankara wireless, quoting reports from Bucharest, asserted last night that Rumanian troops had occupied the town of Bolgrad, in Bess-

NAZI HOPES AND MISGIVINGS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GERMAN FRONTIER

arabia . . .

There is a traditional contempt in Germany for Russia. which is regarded as an ungainly monster, and it is thought that the Soviet Army. proved by the Finnish campaign to be "untrained, semiarmed, and badly officered." will be no match for the war machine of the Third Reich. Nevertheless some misgivings are left over Russia's overwhelming man-power and vast territory, and the oriental in-stinct of self-immolation present in all Russians, and it is felt that these factors may prolong the struggle. On the other hand, it is hoped that a chronic dissatisfaction with Bolshevism among the masses may lead to a national disintegration.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Fell, Bishop of Oxford 1675-86, Longworth, Berks, 1625; Anna Akhmatova, poet, Boeshoy Fontan, Ukraine, 1889; Duke of Windsor, sometime Edward VIII, reigned January 20 1936-December 11, 1936, White Lodge, Richmond Park. 1894; Sir Leonard Hutton, Yorkshire and England (captain) cricketer, Fulneck, Yorks, 1916.

DEATHS: Pedro de Mendoza, explorer, founder of Buenos Aires, at Sea in the Atlantic, 1537; Henry Hudson, navigator, cast actify Hudson, naviganor, cast, adult by mutineers in the bay bearing his name, 1611; Mark Akenside, poet and physician, london, 1770; Sir James Hall, Scologiat, Edinburgh, 1832.

Lennon estate to sell bungalow

John Lennon's estate is selling the seaside bungalow that the pop singer bought for Mimi Smith, the aunt who brought him up (Rachel Kelly writes).

Marketing of the five-bedroom house overlooking Poole Harbour, in Dorset, began earlier this month and the sale by auction on July 16 is expected to attract interest around the world.

Lennon paid £25,000 for the bungalow in 1965 where Mimi lived until her death aged 85 last December.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 4.00. The Duke of Kent will attend.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, will meet members of the Scottish Council and the Chairman of the Examination Board of Council at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh,

The Princess of Wales, as President of the Royal Marsden Hospital, will attend Liza Minell's tribute to Sammy Davis Jr at the Albert Hall at 8.20. The Princess Royal, as Patron of Victim Support, will chair a meeting of the Victim Support Advisory Board at Church House. Westminster, at 10.30; as Chancellor of London University, will attend a presentation ceremony for wartime graduates at the Festival Hall at 1.45; and, as Past Master of the Farriers' Company, will attend the tercemenary ban-quet at Guildhall at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent. as Colonel of The Scots Guards, will attend the Third Guards' Club reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at

Luncheon The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Yehudi Menuhin School, will attend a concert at St James's

University news Cambridge FITZWILLAM COLLEGE

Stuart Lane has been elected into

Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, Min-ister of State at the Scottish Office. a Fellowship in Class C for three years from October 1, for research in Geography.

Dr Donald Meek has been ap-pointed to the newly established Chair of Celtic.

Lord Bottomley
Lord Bottomley, President of the
Westminster branch of the British.
Institute of Management, was
host at a luncheon held yesterday
at the House of Lords. Lord Exta was the guest speaker.



Full steam ahead: farmworkers greeting the Caledonian Railway train from Brechin to the Bridge of Dun. It was the first passenger service on the line for 40 years

Forgotten age is recalled in Angus

By KERRY GILL

ed to upgrade the tiny Bridge

Brechin station has one

particular claim to fame. It

was here that royal trains

during the Victorian and Ed-wardian eras would halt to

allow their royal occupants to have breakfast before contin-

uing north to Balmoral. The train yesterday was

hauled by the locomotive, An-

drew Barclay, built in 1926. It made the journey without a hitch. But the railway climbs

from Bridge of Dun up a 1-in-100 gradient and locals re-called that often, in the old

days, the train would have

several tries before successful-

ly mounting the gradient

of Dun station.

THE first passenger service to run on the old railway line between Brechin, Tayside, and Bridge of Dun since 1952 set off yesterday in a cloud of steam and a shriek from the engine's whistle.

Clanking across the sunbaked Angus countryside, the locomotive completed the four-mile journey in 30 minutes. It was a reminder of just how slow, if exciting, country trains used to be. Passengers were taken on by vintage Bedford bus to the House of Dun, a stately home owned by the National Trust for Scotland.

Yesterday a parliamentary light railway order was handed over to Andrew Kennedy. of the Brechin Railway Preservation Society, parent com-pany of the Caledonia Railway company, which has spent the past 12 years restoring the line.

Mr Kennedy said: "When we formed the society, all we had was a dream to preserve as much as possible of the line as an example of what a typical Scottish country branch line was like in the

Boat boys survive two-day sea ordeal

Continued from page 1 and their boat sparked an air-

and-sea search which covered 2,500 square miles south of Camarthen Bay. RAF Nim-Part of the scheme to create rod planes flew a pattern that a linked tourist attraction bewould have taken them over tween the railway and House the drifting speedboat but their crews did not spot it. of Dun involved restoration of Brechin station to its Victori-The Nimrods were unable to an style. The £191,000 needsearch for the boat using radar equipment, an RAF ed to rescue it from virtual dereliction was provided by spokesman said last night, Scottish Enterprise Tayside because it had a fibreglass or and Angus district council. A further £64,000 will be needplastic hull.

RAF winchman flight sergeant Mark Vickery, 27, who

took part in the rescue, said: "Gareth was brilliant. He was in a very good state considering what he had been through. He was able to give us a lot of details. He's a real wonder boy. But the younger one couldn't even communicate with us. He waved to us and looked relieved when we started to winch him up. But that was the last response. He just went blank. He was freezing cold and kept staring in front of him. If they hadn't been rescued at Lundy they wouldn't have reached land for at least another day. Gareth may have survived. But I doubt the younger one would

Flying officer Alan Conner.

Smith was the bravest young man he could wish to meet: He realised that this was their last chance and he dived in. There were really strong currents and when he finally reached the island he had a 250 ft climb up the island's cliffs. He's unbelievably brave. I don't think I'll ever meet anyone like him again.

He deserves a medal." John Puddy, 44, auxiliary coastguard on Lundy, said: "I am amazed that the boy was able to swim ashore and climb the cliff face - it must have taken a great deal of courage. The north of the

Continued from page 1

of mass destruction.

Middle East ban on weapons

The draft text allows in-

spection of chemical plants

anywhere which are capable

of producing chemical agents

on the banned list. This

means that companies like

ICI might be subject to chall-

enge inspections. However,

the secretariat to be set up in

The Hague to organise the

inspections, is more likely to

races - I have never heard of anyone swimming there before; there is always a large

A spokesman for the coastguard said: "They were very, very lucky indeed. It seems likely there was engine failure or they simply ran out of fuel. One flare may well have been enough to alert those searching for them."

Steven Evans was in intensive care last night where his condition was poorly but stable. Mr Smith had been moved to a general ward after a check-up and was said to be comfortable. Both had been reunited with their families.

other countries suspected of

If the convention is signed

by the end of the year, there

will be a delay of two years

before formal ratification, to

allow time for the verification

regime to be formed. Coun-

tries with chemical weapons

will be responsible for de-

stroying their own stocks, al-

though America has offered

technical assistance. Russia,

which has the largest chemi-

breaking the convention.

Gareth's mother, Susan, said last night: "This is the best day of our lives, but also the worst. Simon was Gareth's best friend. They did everything together and the boat was their latest hobby. "I could hardly believe it

when the phone rang and this voice at the other end said: "Mum I'm starving, I want to come home."

Police were interviewing the two friends last night to discover what happened to Mr Roberts, who had bought the boat for £300 only the week before. It was the first time he had taken the boat

Draft ban on chemical weapons year it possessed 40,000 tons of chemical agents.

Britain destroyed its chemi-

the first world war in which

poison gas killed at least

cal weapons in the 1950s, but will be allowed to maintain the research facility at Porton Down, Wiltshire, which develops protective clothing. The 188-page draft goes far beyond the 1925 Geneva Protocol which banned the use of chemical weapons after

Political sketch

Hunt takes his harp to the party

You would need a heart of stone not to feel sorry for William Waldegrave, the minister for the citizens' charter. At questions yesterday the full horror of what his mates have done to him dawned. He has been appointed minister for something few grasp, with powers nobody quite understands. And they have put him in cabinet via an appointment to the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster. Your sketchwriter had a

mest from St Petersburg at Westminster yesterday, and failed utterly in my ex-planation of how the Duchy of Lancaster came into it: a of Lancaster came into it a bad augury, for I find that if you cannot explain some-thing in simple English to an intelligent Russian, then you are unlikely to explain it to an MP. Any of life's sorrows can be twisted into a question about the citizens' charter, so the session becomes a brush-and-dust-pan affair for poison crumbs from other ministers' tables. Someone should have foreseen this.

Maybe someone did.
At least we know where
Wales is: though, as Welsh questions proceeded yesterday, we hardly knew what Wales was. Wales hit parliament with the full force of a schizophrenic nightmare, visions of purgatory and of paradise unfolding, jumbled, before our eyes. MPs would cut crazily from one to another like some daft TV addict on a mindless channel-hop between a lyrical travelog and a hideous horror movie.

First the travelog. Welsh secretary David Hunt should audition for the voice-over to a documentary on Heaven. He has only to speak and we fancy we hear harps. There has been a transformation in Wales," he told Labour's Peter Hain. Hain rose. The video flicked ... People in tears in his surgety; a woman "sleeping on the floor with her 18-month-old haby..."
An arpeggio on the harp.
Up popped Hunt. Housing

units were 8 per cent more plentiful in Wales: "a record number of homes" and "tremendous prospects". "I'm delighted to announce," he trilled, la-dling dollops of honeyed statistics about new jobs over the heads of incredu-

Gareth Wardell (Lab,

Gower) grabbed the video-flicker, and switched to his "terrible trepidation" for Wates. "A real crisis," mouned Plaid Cymru's Dafydd Wigley. The dis-abled will be living in dampness and poverty for years to come ...

AN S 31.3

But hark, what was this? The harps again, and Hunt, warbling to Jonathan Evand (Brecon & Radnor) about the "beautiful countryside" his department nurtured; to Meribyr's Ted Rowlands (Lab) about investment by Revion; to Paul Flynn and others, about thirteen new projects, "re-markably successful", "very successful", "a remarkably good job", a "total transfor-mation" and "such good

Up lumbered Walter Sweeney (Vale of Glamorgan), in response to a complaint about tolls on the Severn bridge. There being no official Neanderthal Party. Mr Sweeney is listed as a Conservative but looks more like a cross between a rugby full-back and one of Dr Frankenstein's assistants, with a shake of Mormon missionary thrown in. He ground his question out like a talking clock. Tolls on the Severn bridge were too low, he said. £3.00 was better than £2.80 because there would be no change. This was not what Mr Hunt had brought his harp to serenade.

Halfway through the hensible question from Cynog Dafis (Lab, Ceredigion & Pembroke N), the new speaker, Betty Boothroyd, demonstrated a remarkable ability. "I'm much obliged." she said, cutting his question com-pletely off. Dafis just sat down, his mouth opening and closing like fish.

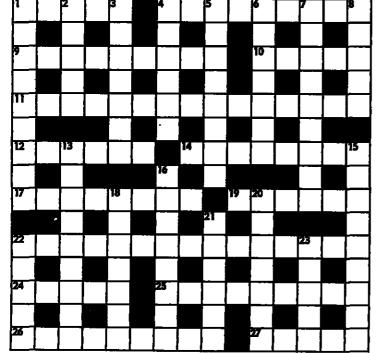
In the European parlia-ment they can turn off the sound: but the miracle of Madam Speaker was that there was no physical disglance alone paralysed Mr Dafis. Her performance in "points of order", twenty minutes later, in which Miss Boothroyd terminated a front-bench spokesman, vaporised four backbenchers, and fought Dennis Skinner to an even draw, must go down in the video annals of parliamentary history. We have high hopes for this Speaker.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Last American Company

when the lines were slippery. have made it. Leading article, page 13 days of steam."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,952



ACROSS

- 1 More than sufficient drink to drown one at a sitting? (5). 4 State call to imprison journalist
- has faded (6,3). 9 Exam condition that is right one declares (9).
- 10 In retrospect, the word Nemesis is not wholly correct (5). 11 Naughty vicar a-courting em-braces maiden — Rose, perhaps
- (15). 12 One gets cross with insects around, the giddy creatures! (6). 14 Altering dubiously a mathematical quantity (8).
- 17 Public school type espousing Socialism initially a Republican? (8). 19 Light wood beginning to mellow
- is fragrant (6). 22 A seventeenth-century drama to bring the house down? (6.9). 24 Sea rocks getting a number

Solution to Puzzle No 18,951 E D A A N C T O T G 25 Yellow box used by artist, part of it brass (9).

26 Public wants elegance in swimming event (4-5). 27 Maybe past being anxious (5).

1 Worker on leading edge in rock formation (9). 2 Question one who faces the camera? (5).

Record one priest as a person by no means ascetic (7). The sound of a horse or a bear

heard by some? (6). 5 Four bound by cord putting up a fight (8). 6 Flower-holder Green Peace

ordered, having lost the last one 7 Capsizes open vessels (9). 8 Like certain architecture for a

royal house (5). 13 Offhand old secretary, a lump not completely worthless? (9).

15 Being in trouble, Adam helps make a sort of cover (9). 16 National Conservative includes a

word for the floaters (8). 18 Bits of food eaten finally, lots (7). 20 A tree conservationists used to provide food (7).

21 I've got the point! (6).22 Cloth required when there's sign of injury on female (5). 23 Sort of appeal going up to bear

Goliath? (5).

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

WORD-WATCHING

b. A very heavy metallic element c. Like a rainbow SEQUACIOUS
a. Adhering to thoughts of others
b. Garrulous

BOLUS a. A Southern b. A large pill American Iasso C. An ox-cart RENTTENT

a. Reflecting
b. Struggling with might and main
c. Recalcitrant Answers on page 14

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royals heavyweight before cosmotropolis? it's academic.

Today's pollen count forecast is HIGH SELDANE. A major advance in hayfever treatment.

Many places will have a dry day with some sunshine after a cloudy, misty start in places. Northern and western Scotland will be rather cloudy with some rain and drizzle. South and east Scotland will be mainly dry, although rather cloudy at first. The Channel Islands may have some showers. Winds will be fresh in the northwest but fairly light over England and Wales. Outlook Cloudy in the north with some rain mainly over northwest Scotland. Dry over most of England and Wales with some sun.

ABROAD MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=log; s=sun sl=sleet; sn=snow; l=feir; c=cloud; r=zin Florence Helsinki Hong K Innsbrck Istanbul Jeddah Jo'burg' L Palmas Locarno London L Angels' Luxembg

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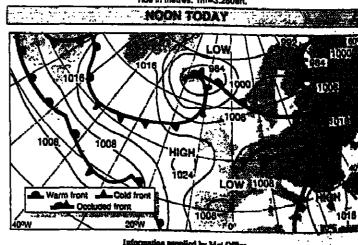
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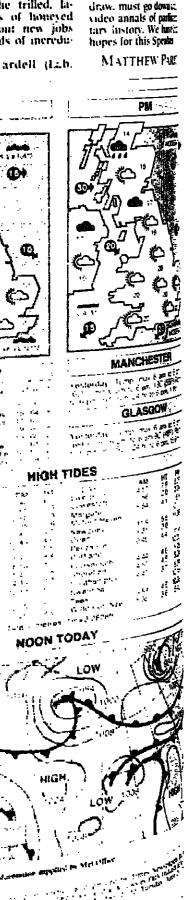
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TUESDAY JUNE 23 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELI

TODAY IN BUSINESS

IVORY SHINES



Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund manager chaired by David Newbigging, has

increased pre-tax profit 56 per cent to £4.52 million. for the year to end April Tempus, Page 20

PRICE PEACE

BPB, the UK's biggest plasterboard maker, is hoping that the price war that has raged in its market over the past few years is finally at an end Page 21

DRIVEN OUT



Rising wage costs in Germany have driven BMW to decide to set up a factory in South Carolina, due to open in 1996 Page 18

TRADE FAIR

Britain's trade deficit recovered last month but half of the improvement was put down to one-off items of trade Page 19

LAW TIMES.

SOLE SURVIVORS



Patrick Stevens asks if the writing is on the wall for the solicitor sole practitioner Law Times, page 31

THE POUND

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BUSINESS TIMES

Papers show where £447m Maxwell money went

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

well pension funds are still hunting for £8 million, which they believe went missing during a stocklending operation. Details of the missing funds

emerged from new court documents that reveal for the first time how assets worth £447 million were removed from the Maxwell pension funds. The details were compiled by Robson Rhodes, liquidator of Bishopsgate Investment Management, which handled most of the Maxwell pension mon-

LIQUIDATORS of the Max- private companies, and either sold and the proceeds used to repay the private companies' debts, or used as security on ioans to the private firms.

The documents also highlight the banks and security houses that still hold Maxwell pension assets, particularly Credit Suisse, Banque Nationale de Paris and Lehman Brothers. Neil Cooper, RR parmer leading the liquidation, last week threatened legal action against firms that still hold assets that he claims belong to the pension funds. This

blocks of shares in European week, Mr Cooper is expected diverted to Robert Maxwell's battle to retrieve the missing assets when Arthur Andersen, the administrator of the Maxwell private companies, withdraws its claim on a £22 million stake in Teva Pharmacuetical, an Israeli firm. National Westminster, which is holding the shares as security on a loan to the pri-

> vate company, will then return them to the pension funds.
> The largest single block of shares was in Schex, an Israeli printing company, worth about £103 million. BIM bought the shares in two blocks in

and Israeli companies were to win the first victory in his Group, one of Robert Max- a loan from Lehman Brothers. well's main private compan-

> Other large share blocks were removed from the pension funds last year: 25 million shares in Maxwell Communication Corporation, Mr Maxwell's main public company, were sold in April for £54 million, but the fund never received the proceeds.

> The breakdown of the assets shows how Robert Maxwell used the pension fund to build up large stakes in often obscure companies. The fund also held a large stake in Lazards property unit trust but this

Most of BIM's blue chip

holdings were also removed. One portion, managed by London & Bishopsgate International Investment Manage ment, another Maxwell pension company, was liquidated last July, while most of the remainder was used in a £107 million stocklending programme with Lehman Brothers and Credit Suisse Records show the two firms still hold assets worth £26 million as security for stock loans, but

have sold another £6S million

RR is trying to trace the final

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TEO GATA

Mirror Group wins £260m refinancing

By Angela Mackay

MIRROR Group Newspapers yesterday announced the completion of a two-year, £260 million refinancing with bankers, paving the way for the release today of the publishing group's delayed 1991 accounts. These are likely to show a pre-tax loss of about £300 million after providing for missing cash and

pension fund assets. While there will still be a few unresolved issues after the publication of the accounts, most of the holes should be identified, if not plugged. Today's announcement should square the books of the Mirror Group and finally bring it out from the shadow of the Maxwell era, heartening prospective bidders such as Tony O'Reilly, chairman of Heinz and Independent Newspapers in Ireland, and a man-Richard Stott, the editor of the Daily Mirror.

The administrators of the Maxwell private companies are no longer looking at a fast sale of their majority stake in MGN now that the company has been refinanced. Several banks, however, hold shares in MGN as security for loans National Westminster

Bank holds 33 per cent Goldman Sachs and Lloyds Bank have about 9 per cent each, while the Midland Bank has about 2 per cent. Arthur Andersen and the banks are committed to the disposal of the total control-The -1991 accounts should

show that MGN, publisher of the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, the People, the Sporting Life and Scotland's Daily Record and Sunday Mail, produced profits of about £82 million before extraordinary provisions pushed the group into the red. About £400 million will be provided partly for miss-ing pension funds and other assets that have disappeared.
About £50 million, for example, will be provided for cash that, according to one source,

"simply walked out the door". There are still problems, however, with intercompany loans, particularly one transaction where there is a crossloan of approximately £100 million involving MGN and a private Maxwell company. Rather than each company cancelling the loan, both wish to first have it repaid, causing friction between the manage ment of MGN and Arthur Andersen, the administrator

companies. MGN secured its refinancing package on Friday with a

The company said the twoyear credit facility strength ened the group and provided stability for the future. The arrangements also remain in

sults, MGN should be free to regain its quotation on the London Stock Exchange. The shares were suspended at 125p in December and are likely to be relisted by the end of the month. Considering the forecast size of the provisions, brokers suggested the shares may start trading again at about half their value, particularly since an en-quiry by trade and industry inspectors into the £245 mil-

lion float began this month. Last week, Ernest Burrington stepped down as MGN chairman to be replaced by Sir Robert Clark, while Lawrence Guest, the finance director, resigned rington is continuing as a

Management Regulatory would need to investigate his personal affairs before ap-

of the private Maxwell

small group of banks, led by National Westminster and the Midland, after six months of uncertainty. During this period a standstill agreement on interest payments was in

After publication of the re-

from the company. Mr Burdirector until the annual general meeting next month.

Meanwhile the Investment

Organisation (Imro) report on Robert Maxwell's private pension companies shows that five years ago the Bank of England rejected Mr Maxwell as "a fit and proper person" to run a bank. The Bank is believed to have persuaded Mr Maxwell not to bid for Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank. In 1989, the Bank stopped Mr Maxwell taking control of Robert Fraser, the boutique merchant bank, by telling him it Comment, page 21 | proving his ownership.

In praise of bolder

By Jon Ashworth THE winner of the first Women in Business award for equal opportunities at work is a man. So it appeared yesterday as Frank McGettigan, director and general manager of Channel 4 Tele-

vision, stepped forward to collect the award on behalf of his company. Rank Xerox and Channel 4 Television were joint winners

of the award, believed to be the first of its kind in Britain for companies promoting and developing their women managers. Vern Zelmer, managing director of Rank Xerox, and Viki Ford, an equal opportunities manager. Yve Newbold, company

secretary of Hanson and chairman of the panel of judges, said Rank Xerox, which won the award for large companies, had made big strides forward in its recruitment policy. Nearly half of Rank Xerox's employ-

ees are women. Channel 4, which won the smaller company class, has directors and a reputation for helping woman employees' careers. Mrs Newbold said: "We hope these new awards will help even more companies become really aware of the resources offered by their women employees and devel-op them fully."

The awards were sponsored by London Business School, British Gas and the Indepen-

the 1988 figure. The final,

official result will not be an-

nounced at the meeting

WOMEN AWARD Equal photo opportunity: Rank Xerox's Vern Zelmer and Viki Ford collecting the award yesterday

Canary Wharf plea to Whitehall BY OUR CITY STAFF women

administrators to Olympia & York Developments Ltd's Canary Wharf project will make a formal presentation today to try to persuade the environment ministry to move there.

The government is considering moving 2,000 to 3,000 civil servants out of central London. Canary Wharf is one of three possible sites in the Docklands area. Canary

REPRESENTATIVES of the Wharf, which went into ad-rents in Docklands are £15 a ministration last month owing about £560 million, needs

> to raise occupancy and gain vital rental income. A move by a government ministry could boost morale and signal official support for the scheme. However, the government is under pressure to get full value for money. while Canary Wharf needs a commercial rent. Average

sq ft, property analysts say But some sites further from

central London offer £10. In Toronto tomorrow. Nigel Hamilton and Stephen Adamson, administrators from Ernst & Young, the accountants, will meet the development's syndicate of bankers who lent £560 million in a three-year construction loan.

Share prices fall sharply in London

BY PHILIP PANGALOS AND JOANNA PITMAN

THE London stock market fell sharply yesterday as Wall Street slipped and Tokyo slumped again. The FT-SE 100 Index fell 34.5 points to close at 2550.3, its lowest since the record closing high of 2737.8 on May 11.

wornes are being compounded by renewed doubts about UK earnings recovery and the failure of recent issues. Buy-ers are holding off." fall in the September futures for the FT-SE, which also

pulled the cash market down. 589-point overnight fall in thin trade, pushing the Nik-kei below 16,000 for the first time since October 1986. They were driven down by index-linked arbitrage selling and by fears that the authori-ties will shy away from the

market from collapse.

Roger Palmer, chief investment strategist at Kleinwort Benson, said: "International Analysts also noted a sharp

Shares in Tokyo suffered a

monetary and fiscal measures

deemed necessary to save the Volume was low; an estimated 230 million shares changed hands, well below the daily average of one to two billion during the boom years of the late 1980s. The market has lost 60 per cent of its value since then, and with the

economy showing clear signs of slowing, there is scant hope

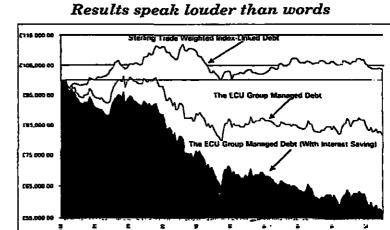
of recovery without intervention by the authorities. Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, speaking at a national conference of co.nmercial bankers, professed optimism. "The economy is firmly on track to our goal of non-inflationary, sus-tainable growth," he said. He had little concern that current monetary conditions would in any way impinge on sound growth of the

economy".

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Names présent petition to Lloyd's

By JONATHAN PRYNN

LLOYD'S has been forced to call the first extraordinary meeting of its members for more than a decade after a petition signed by 110 dissident names was presented to officials of the insurance market yesterday.

The petition requisitioning the egm contains four resolutions calling for a more effective mechanism for the closure of open years of acthe central fund levy announced this month; a register of Lloyd's Council members' interests, and full co-operation with all groups roresenting names. None of the resolutions de-

mands the resignation of David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, but the preamble states that the peti-



Lord: hardship help tioners have "no confidence that the present members of the Council are acting in the best interests of names and the Lloyd's insurance market" and calls for the replacement of the entire member-

quickly as possible." However, market loyalists responded by presenting their own petition expressing "every confidence" in the leadership of Lloyd's. The second petition was signed by 220 names. Lloyd's confirmed that the

would take place in the underwriting room on July 24 at 10.30 am. The egm will be names' second opportunity to voice their criticisms of the leadership of the market this summer. The annual meeting of

the membership takes place

because of delays in finalising the accounts for the Gooda Walker syndi-cates, which are among the biggest loss makers in the egm to hear all resolutions put forward by both petitions

> on that year's underwriting. £400 million of claims flowing from earlier years of ac-count and £200 million for

tomorrow. Lloyd's confirmed over the weekend that the loss for the 1989 year of account will be about \$2 billion, an all-time record and nearly four times

Some 4,500 names will bear the brunt of the deficit, shouldering losses averaging £100,000 each. The 1989 loss comprises a El.4 billion "pure year" loss

names' personal expenses. Alan Lord, the chief executive, confirmed last week that talks had begun with brokers and agencies about increasing the funds available for easing the financial hardship of the worst hit names.

BUSINESS BOUNDER

BMW to build car plant in **America**

By Wolfgang Münchau

BMW will today announce that it is to set up a large factory outside Germany in response to rising wage costs.

The German luxury car maker has chosen from a

series of prospective candi-dates, but the company's board is likely to have decided in favour of a site near Spartanburg, South Carolina. The plant will cost about DM l'billion, and will employ 2.000 staff by the end of the decade. The plant should be operational in 1996.

BMW has called a press conference for today to announce the decision officially. But the company said it had no comment ahead of the

BMW's decision to produce outside Germany is a significant change to previous policy. The company already operates a small assembly plant in South Africa, but has otherwise stuck faithfully to production inside Germany.

The reasons behind the move are a combination of rising wage costs and shortening working hours in Germany, and increased American protectionism. Like other German luxury car makers, BMW has been affected by the American recession and the introduction last year of a luxury tax on cars of more than \$30,000, which led to a fall in American sales last year by 16 per cent to just above 53,000 cars. BMW's intention is to sell its most popular range, the new 3-series, at below the \$30,000 tax threshold, including the six-cylinder 225 model, once the car is produced in America. Eberhard von Kuenheim.

chairman of the management board, told his annual meeting in April that the company was investigating to produce outside Germany. Earlier in the year. BMW announced a cost-saving programme, which involves a cut in the workforce by about 3,000, to be phased in over a number of years. During his speech in April, which came at the height of the wave of industrial unrest, Herr von Kuenheim also criticised sharply German wage policies and argued that the country was in danger of pricing itself out of the market. The other main contender

for BMW's American production plant was Omaha, Nebraska. BMW is thought to have been promised an assistance package of about \$150 million if it decided to locate its plant in South Carolina.



Europe bound: Ronnie Frost, the chairman of Hays, is looking to earn 20 per cent of profits outside Britain

Hays takes on French distributor

HAYS, the business services group, has evidence of economic recovery ... The made its first notable acquisition in company believes that the acquisition in made its first notable acquisition in Europe, paying £37.5 million for Group FRIL, the French chilled foods, wine and spirit distribution group (George Sivell writes). Group FRIL customers include Carrefour, Nestle and Moët Hennessy.

To finance the purchase, Hays is raising £34.3 million net from a placing of 19 million shares at 182p each. Yesterday, Hays shares fell 3p to 187p. On current prospects the group said "conditions in the UK have continued to remain difficult and there is still no

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France, which is the first substantial acquisition made by the company in Europe, will provide a good platform for growth in Europe".

Hays is liable to pay up to a further £15 million depending on Group FRIL profits performance in the next three years. This move is designed to hold the French management in place. Group FRIL made an operating profit of £4.8 million on sales of £45 million in the year to September 1991. Longer term, Ronnie

Frost, the chairman and chief executive of Hays, said that he wants to earn 20 per cent of profits from outside the UK and that he is looking for further acquisitions in Germany and Spain. The placing brings debts down from 32 per cent of shareholders' funds to 26 per cent.

Hays is best remembered in the City as the company that suffered in the 1989.

the company that suffered in the 1989 crash, with more than 90 per cent of the shares left with the underwriters. Yesterday, the group got its revenge with the new shares being placed with 50 institutions in 15 minutes.

US court denies Citicorp

> appeal FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

The United States Supreme Court, in an important case for the international banking system, declined to review whether American banks can be held liable for deposits in their foreign branches when the foreign government freezes the assets.

The court denied an appeal by Citicorp's Citibank unit, arguing that it should not be held liable. American banks have more than 800 foreign branches in 71 nations with deposits of \$300 billion.

The justice department supported Citibank. Kenneth Starr, the department's top courtroom lawyer, said: "During periods of political or economic instability, foreign governments frequently prevent [foreign] branches from repaying depositors through expropriation of assets or through government-enforced

limitations on repayments." He gave a warning that holding an American bank's home office liable would lead to new and unforeseen

Mr Starr said an American bank should not be held liable unless the two parties agreed that the bank's home office would be responsible when the foreign government prevented the branch from repaying the

The case began when Wells Fargo Asia, of Singapore, which is owned by Wells Fargo Bank, in California, sued Citibank, based in New York, to recover \$1.2 million it had deposited in Citibank's Manila branch in 1983. The funds were frozen when the Philippine government barred all dollars from leaving the country in October 1983 as part of a debt repayment moratorium.

Citibank argued that Wells Fargo bore the risk of depositing the money in Manila.

EC annual inflation rate climbs to 4.8%

THE European Community's annual inflation rate edged up to a provisional 4.8 per cent last month from 4.7 per cent in April, Eurostat, the EC statistics office, said. The smallness of the change confirmed that the relative stability of EC inflation, which has prevailed since last autumn, is continuing, the European statement added. The office originally put April's inflation rate at 4.8 per cent but that has

now been revised down to 4.7 per cent.

Between April and May. EC prices rose by an average of 0.4 per cent, spurred on by increases in most member countries. Portugal led the way, with a rise of 1 per cent in the month, and Danish prices advanced by 0.7 per cent. Annual inflation rates ranged from a provisional 2.5 per cent in Denmark to 15.8 per cent in Greece. The EC calculations make use of the inflation rate for western Germany only. rather than for Germany as a whole, Ireland records its

TGI back in the black

PROPERTY disposals and a sharp fall in debt helped TGI, the audio and electronic products group, back to profit, with £1.03 million pre-tax in the year to end-March against a £820,000 loss last time. Earnings per share were 3.4p after a loss of 7.8p. A final dividend of 1p a share will be paid. compared with a 2.2p interim in the previous year. Borrowings were cut from £8.5 million to £3.2 million. There was a gain of £451,000 on the sale and leaseback of a factory at Havant. Hampshire. TGI says the present profit level is inadequate and plans further improvements.

Philip Harris doubles

PHILIP Harris, the West Midlands supplier of educational, scientific, medical and industrial equipment, lifted pre-tax profits 48 per cent to £1.76 million (£871,000) in the year to end-March on turnover of £79 million (£67.3 million). Earnings per share are 14.58p (10.03p). A final dividend of 4.25p (3.75p) a share makes 6.25p (5.75p) for the year. The medical division raised operating profits by 16.5 per cent to £1 million; the education and scientific arm by 13.8 per cent to £1.2 million. PH has won a £1.4 million contract to supply and install scientific equipment to a university in Oman.

Polar declines again

POLAR, an electronic components manufacturer, saw pre-tax profits slip 6 per cent to £451,000 (£482,000) in the six months to March 31. The slide follows one of 30 per cent, from £1.32 million to £917,000, in the previous full year. Turnover this time rose S per cent to £8.3 million £7.7 million). There is an unchanged interim dividend of 2p. Keith Carnelley, chairman, said new franchises had been negoriated when demand was low and prices under pressure. The benefits of new business were filtering through.

Fletcher King plunges

PRE-TAX profits of Fletcher King, a commercial estate agent and surveyor, fell from £525,000 to £228,000 in the agent and surveyor, led from £525,000 to £225,000 th the year to April 30. David Fletcher, chairman, said it was now on a slightly rising trend, although it was too early in the property cycle to feel confident that this would continue. The total dividend is reduced from 2.3p to 1p, with an unchanged final of 0.5p. Turnover fell from £7.05 million to £5.42 million. Costs were cut by 21 per cent, against a target of 15 per cent, and a further cut of 5 per cent is envisaged this year.

BP America cuts jobs

BRITISH Petroleum will this week announce a fresh round of job cuts at the Cleveland, Ohio, headquarters of its BP America unit. A spokesman said the job losses would cover the group's corporate, chemicals, exploration and refining, and marketing divisions and would be announced mid-week. He could not confirm the number of jobs involved, which industry sources estimate at about 350 out of the 3,500 in Cleveland. BP has been undergoing cost-cutting worldwide. which has been stepped up due to poor trading conditions.

Heavitree pegs payout

PROFITS at Heavitree Brewery, the USM-quoted brewer and pub manager, slipped from £290,000 before tax to £177,000 in the six months to the end of April. Earnings edged up from 1.1p a share to 1.2p. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 0.6p per ordinary share and 'A' share. Turnover rose from £2.83 million to £3.06 million but operating profits fell from £721,000 to £541,000. Heavitree Inns incurred losses of £47,000 but is expected to make a positive contribution in the full year.

Hardy Oil & Gas slips

NET income at Hardy Oil & Gas, the independent exploration and production company, fell from £10.1 million to £7.22 million in the year to end-March, due to low oil prices and an unfavourable dollar exchange rate. However, a first single dividend of 1p a share will be paid. Turnover rose from £39.34 million to £40.99 million, helped by a 16 per cent increase in oil and gas production, but pre-tax profits halved from £6.15 million to £3.07 million. Average oil prices fell from \$23.33 per barrel to \$19.56.

Flextronics factory

FLEXTRONICS Automotive has announced its decision to build an £8 million factory on a greenfield site in Crumlin. Gwent. The move will result in the creation of 260 jobs. The company, which will manufacture stainless steel parts for the exhausts of Ford and Volvo cars with catalytic converters, will begin production in the spring. The car components industry is Wales's largest manufacturing sector, with 150 resident companies employing a total of 27,000 people throughout

BFG backs British Coal plan

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EFFORTS by British Coal Corporation (BCC) to create a £650 million a year company that would dominate domestic coal distribution have won boardroom backing from British Fuels Group (BFG), the country's biggest distributor.

Directors of BFG agreed to recommend BCC's bid to buy the 50 par cout of RFG it does

the 50 per cent of BFG it does not already own. The offer has been extended until June 30.

The ten-day extension will give BFG's 700 employee shareholders, many of whom are disgruntled at the level of the offer, more time to accept. A British Coal spokesman said last night: "I understand a substantial majority of employees have already indicated

their acceptance." Many in the workforce, who

bought shares during a lever-aged buyout of BFG in 1988, believed British Coal was committed to paying 333p a share for control. In the event, BCC has offered just 175p, valuing the heavily indebted group at just £10 million.

British Coal plans to merge the business, which has annuat sales of about £480 million. with its wholly-owned subsidiary, National Fuel Distributors (annual turnover of £160 million). That would provide scope for operational economies, probably involving job

losses at some depots.

However, it would also lead to increased concentration of the wholesaling of coal for domestic fires and boilers. The Federation of Coal Traders, representing Britain's 3,300

coal merchants, has protested to Tim Eggar, the energy minister, and the Office of Fair Trading about the plan, with no response.

A deal would also increase British Coal's sway over Inter-Continental Puels (ICF), the international fuel trading group. British Coal holds 17.5 per cent of ICF's equity, BFG 24.9 per cent. Combining the two stakes would make BCC the largest shareholder, with 42.4 per cent. The stake could give BCC a platform to take control of ICF. According to International Coal Report. ICF has been keen to main tain its consortium structure.

RIV the mining group also has 25 per cent. The remaining shares are held by the company's managers.

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Trade gap shrinks more than forecast

By George Sivell

BRITAIN'S deficit on trading with the rest of the world shrank during May, but half of the improvement was down to volatile items. The Treasury welcomed an improvement in exports and said a rising import trend was "to be expected" as economic recovery got under way.

The current account improved from a deficit of £1.16 billion in April to £645 million in May; forecasts had ranged from £700 million to £1 billion. If the effects of invisible trade are stripped out, the trade deficit shrank from £1.36 billion to £845 million.

The market was quick to spot the impact of erratic trade on the figures and the FT-SE 100 index showed barely any reaction, closing down 34.5 points at 2550.3.

The pound, too, moved very little, with the trade-weighted index closing at an unchanged 93.0; there was a minute rise against the dollar to \$1.8620 and a fall of 0.1 pfennigs

against the German mark to DM2.9187.

Among volatile items of trade, the oil surplus rose from £118 million to £173 million and the surplus on gention

fil8 million to £173 million and the surplus on erratic items such as precious stones and aircraft was £169 million, against a deficit of £25 million in April.

This leaves the visible deficit

on ordinary trade at E1.187 billion. down from £1.448 billion. So far this year, the current account deficit totals £4.436 billion, against £5.2 billion for the whole of 1991 and a forecast of £6.5 billion made at the time of the Budget. Errors on forecasts of trade deficits are high: an average error of plus or minus £4 billion is indicated in the forecast prepared by the Treasury.

Exports rose from £8.83 billion in April to £9.2 billion in May. Stripping out erratic items, they still rose from £8.2 billion to almost £8.6 billion. Imports fell from £10.2 billion

to £10 billion; excluding erratic items, they rose from £9.54 billion to £9.612 billion. Longer-term trends look favourable for exports but also show a continuing high level of imports. In the latest three months, exports have risen by 2.5 per cent on the previous quarter and 6 per cent on last year. Excluding oil and erratic items, the quarterly rise was

2.5 per cent and the annual rise 5.5 per cent.

But imports excluding erratic items have risen 3 per cent in the latest quarter against the previous one and 7 per cent over the past year.

The government takes

three-month figures for exports and imports, excluding oil and erratic items, as a key indicator of Britain's trade position. The Treasury said export strength was underlined by the 2.5 per cent improvement on the previous three months and the 4.5 per cent increase on the same



Cut of the cloth: Pepe, whose BSCO subsidiary used Sarah Stockbridge, the model, pictured above right with her mother, to advertise jeans, saw its shares split apart at the seams yesterday when they dropped 30p to 42p (Jon Ashworth writes). The fall was blamed on a trading statement. Results for the year to end-March, the statement warned, would be substantially

below market expectations, resulting in a substantial reduction in pre-tax profits and in a small loss after tax. There were also likely to be substantial extraordinary charges relating to the sale or closure of subsidiaries and there would be no final dividend. Analysts said Pepe expanded too far, too fast. The full extent of the damage will be known in August.

Wellcome issue likely to be lower in wake of GPA

Ry MARTIN WALLE

ADVISERS to the multi-billion pound shares issue by Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group, will today report the damage done by last week's abrupt abandonment of the flotation of GPA Group, the Irish air leasing company. The signs are that the size of the issue will be at the lower end of the range, not least

because of fears that Wellcome

could face the same cold shoulder treatment from Wall Street institutions that scuppered GPA's planned listing. The lead managers of the syndicates of brokers who are charged with selling the shares around the world will today finish their report on the initial interest in the shares before Wellcome Trust, the charity which owns almost 75 per cent of the company, indicates, on Thursday, how many it plans to issue. The

many it plans to issue. The Trust has court approval from the Charity Commissioners to sell down to 25 per cent and has pledged to go below 50 per cent. The Trust can therefore sell between 215 million and 417 million shares.

Thursday's figure of the

number of shares to be sold, to be announced when the tender offer is formally launched on impact day, is only an indicative one, and the Trust reserves the right to raise it by as much as 25 per cent. But the number decided on will be a clear pointer of the

amount of interest, not least

from the important American

financial institutions.

Wellcome shares, as high as £11.73p in February this year, have fallen sharply since the Trust gave notice of an intention to sell. They have given up more ground in the recent turbulent markets, falling 12p to £9.13p yesterday.

Robert Fleming & Co, global co-ordinator to the float, tacity acknowleged the tightrope advisers must walk. In response to market speculation, a statement confirmed that the provisional size of the offer will be set at a "very conservative" level at which the trust and its advisers would have to be "highly confident" that demand existed and the shares could be sold.

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Receiver assigned for Clowes home

By Our City Staff

A RECEIVER has been appointed by the High Court to look after the luxury former home of Peter Clowes, now serving a 10-year jail sentence for defrauding thousands of investors of an estimated £113 million. Mr Justice Warner was told yesterday that the condition of the property. Swingate Cottage, at Whiteley Green, Adlington, near Macclesfield, Cheshire, had been allowed to deteriorate to "an alarming extent".

Clowes, 49, bought the house for £125,000 in 1982 and spent £227,000 on improvements. In 1985, he transferred it to the name of his wife, Pamela.

Mrs Clowes's ownership of the property, which has its own swimming pool, is disputed by the liquidators of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers and Barlow Clowes International, who claim it was bought and improved largely with investors' money.

Yesterday, Peter Griffiths, counsel for the liquidators, said Mrs Clowes, 48, had now left to live in a penthouse in Spain and "could not care less" about the property, which was showing signs of "considerable neglect". The garden

was completely overgrown and York flagstones, which would cost \$30,000 to replace, had been stripped from around the house. Unless swift action was taken, the value of the property, which had already dropped from £600,000 in 1989 to an estimated £400,000 today, would drop still further, said Mr Griffiths. Robert Miles, counsel for

Mrs Clowes, said she would be strongly contesting the liquidators' claims to the property, but did not oppose the appointment of a receiver.

In the High Court earlier this year, Sir Donald Nicholls, the Vice-Chancellor, ruled that Mr and Mrs Clowes had "no defence" to a massive damages claim by the Department of Trade and Industry relating to losses suffered by investors in Barlow Clowes and Partners, which was taken over by Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers in 1987

The DTI had compensated investors for their losses and taken over their claims, unlikely to be less than £10 million. Mr and Mrs Clowes were ordered to make an interim payment of £6 million. Mr Clowes has appealed against the Vice-Chancellor's rulings.

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Boots chief gets 66% pay rise

leave
By Michael Tate

Storehouse

directors

TWO more heads have rolled in the Storehouse boardroom — Sheila Forbes, group personnel director, and Derek Lovelock, chief executive of Mothercare UK.

With the departure of Habi-

With the departure of Habitat's Michael Harvey and the imminent retirement of Michael Julien, chief executive, for health reasons, Storehouse will have only two executive directors, David Dworkin, chief executive designate, and David Simons, finance director.

Ann Iverson, appointed chief operating officer at Mothercare last month, and a protegé of Mr Dworkin, will succeed Mr Lovelock as chief executive but will not join the main board.

Ms Forbes, 45. and Mr Lovelock, 42, are casualties of the "more streamlined and integrated approach" by Storehouse under Mr Dworkin and ian Hay Davison, group chairman. Mr Lovelock's days have appeared numbered since Ms Iverson's elevation last month. Although Mothercare has been trading "much more strongly" since Christ-mas, with sales, profits and market share recovering, the group says "a change of direction" was necessary. Further executive redundancies can be

By Matthew Bond

SIR James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, the pharmaceutical and retail group, received a profits-related bonus of £186.000 in the year to March 31. It took his total pay to £571,000. 66 per cent higher than the £343,000 he received the previous year.

the previous year.

The company's annual report, published yesterday, shows that Boots' directors of £900,000. A new bonus scheme linked to share price movement and dividends was introduced last year but most of the extra payments relate to an older, one-year scheme linked to earnings per share performance.

A fortnight ago, Boots announced a 7.2 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £374 million, including £14.7 million of property profits. In 1990-1, profits were originally stated as virtually unchanged at £358 million but have since been restated at £349 million: the directors shared bonuses of £54,000

of £54.000.

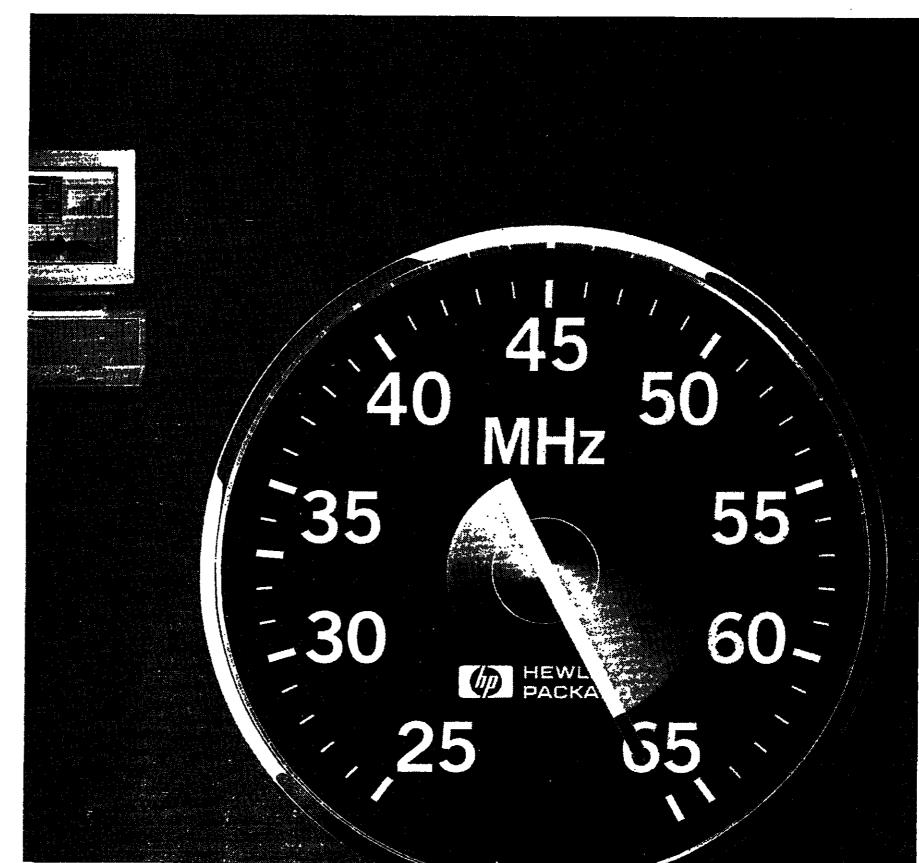
The higher level of bonus paid in the last financial year coincided with a 26 per cent increase in directors' basic remuneration to £2.5 million. Total remuneration to directors jumped 54 per cent to almost £3.5 million.

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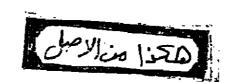
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STOCK MARKET

London depressed after fall in Tokyo

the second leg of the two-week account with a hangover after a heavy overnight fall in Japan was exacerbated by a decline on Wall Street.

Shares in Tokyo had suffered a 589-point fall in thin trade, pushing the Nikkei index below the 16,000 level for the first time since October 1986, with Japanese investors disappointed the government was not doing more to boost the economy.

British investors, already depressed by predictions of patchy recovery, stayed on the sidelines. Turnover remained low. A September Footsie futures contract running at a discount prompted an early mark-down, and share prices were dragged down further as selling pressure was compounded by a sell programme. Even news that Britain's trade gap had narrowed sharply to £645 million last month from an April deficit of £1.16 billion, after a surprise jump in exports and a decline in imports, failed to

The gloomy mood in Lon-don deepened after a negative start on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average showed an early 27 point slide. The FT-SE 100 index of 30 shares lost 20.2 to 1,986.4. Volume reached only a miserable 371.8 million shares.

Shares in Wellcome continued to suffer in the wake of last week's aborted flotation of GPA, the Irish aircraft leasing group. Wellcome Trust, the charity that owns almost 75 per cent of the pharmaceuticals group, is due to give an indication on Thursday of how many shares it plans to sell. It has previously pledged to take its stake below 50 per cent, but its holding could be trimmed to as little as 25 per cent.

Worries continued that the size of the flotation could be at the lower end of the range because of fears that it could face the same treatment from Wall Sirest institutions that exumpered GPA's planned marke, isting. The shares recovered some of their early deficit, ending 12p lower at 913p. against February's high of £11.73.

The prospect of delayed UK economic recovery took its toll on many in the retailing sector. Among the losers, Amber Day, already depressed by adverse comments, tumbled another 8p to 48p, while Body Shop fell 3p to 301p. Burton Group 2 2p to 48 2p.

WELLCOME: CONTINUE

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GUS A 27p to £14.81, Kingfisher 7p to 523p, Marks and Spencer 6p to 330p, W H Smith A 7p to 460p and Storehouse, which announced further boardroom departures, 2p to 145p.

news." Elsewhere in the sector, Dixons, the high street electrical goods retailer. dropped 6p to 248p after a profits downgrading from Lehman Brothers, the American securities house. Lehman

SHARES in Reuters Holdings, which has recently seen its ADRs suffer because of a weak dollar, lost an early advance to close 4p lower at £11.05. This was despite the international news and financial information group extending its recently launched Dealing 2000-2 automated foreign exchange trading system to banks in Germany and Switzerland.

Nick Bubb, at Morgan Stanley, said: "There's a lot of bad news out there at the moment, although it's only relative. People just don't want to buy given all the bad

has trimmed its pre-tax profits forecast for the year end-ing April 1993 from £95 million to £87 million. Analysts at Lehman Brothers also reduced their forecast for Barclays, down 3p to 342p, by £100 million to £500 million for the current year. Abbey National eased 2p to 267p after County NatWest followed Capel in trimming its current year forecast from 5620 million to £570 million, with next year's profits downgraded from £680 million to £625 million. County is concerned about higher bad debts, particularly on repossessed homes, and lower than expected volume

growth.

BT eased 3p to 331p ahead of the second 120p a share instalment, due next week although private investors will have to decide by the end of this week. The shares have been under pressure, affected by increasing competition from Mercury, a tough stance on pricing from Offer, the regulatory body, and the pending second instalment. The partly-paid shares lost

l 2p to 1192p. One of the few areas of corporate activity involved Hays, the business services group, which unveiled plans to acquire a French distribution services company for an initial £37.5 million. To help finance the deal, Hays is placing 19 million new ordinary shares, at 182p a share, to raise £34.3 million. The en15 minutes with 50 institutions. Hays shares cased 3p to

A profits warning from Pepe Group, which said it would announce a net loss for the year, left shares in the USM-quoted jeans manufacturer nursing a 30p fall to 42p, while a cautious statement on short-term prospects knocked TGI, the audio and electronic products group. down 5p to 57p, despite lower gearing. Against the trend. doubled full-year profits helped Philip Harris gain 8p

to 223p. Aviva Petroleum, the oil and gas explorer where there has been talk of further Colombian wells coming on stream soon, continued its advance with the shares adding another 6p to 67p. after touching 73p. Elsewhere in the oils sector, BP fell 6p to 147p, Shell 9p to 495p and Lasmo slipped 6 p to 197p.

Manders, the paints company, has again urged shareholders to reject the hostile £104 million offer from Kalon, which supplies ownlabel paint and runs Leyland trade centres. Manders and Kalon held steady at 282p and 106p respectively.

PHILIP PANGALOSS

WORLD MARKETS

Early setback for Dow after plunge in Tokyo

New York - American average was down 11.77 sharesincurred modest losses at the opening as investors reacted to a steep slide in world markets and Wall Street gave back some of Friday's options and futures-related gains, analysts said.

rector of Rothschild Inc. said: We're down partially because of the action in the world markets last night, particularly Tokyo, because we're in a downtrend, and because Friday's positive reading was largely expirations-related." The Dow Jones industrial

expected news breaks and sporadic speculation combined with a seasonal lack of volume to pull German Jack Conlon, managing dishares slightly lower. The DAX index shed 2.25

> points to 1.770.64 after having moved in a live-point range during the session. One trader said: "There is a lack of investors due to the summer bill and a flood of other incentives to stay out of

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firmer in quiet trade but profit-taking set in during the afternoon to pare carlier gains, brokers said. The plunge in Tokyo's Nikkei index sparked the profit-taking.

they said.
The Hang Seng index finished 32.34 points higher at 5.819.94, but off the intraday high of 5863.89 set in the

morning. Antony Mak, assistant director at Citicorp Vickers. said: "It was pretty boring today. Although the market opened about 70 points high-

Hong Kong - Shares closed er, trading was mostly at one or two spreads and within a 40-point range." Singapore - Shares

closed lower in thin trade after the Nikkei's plunge and brokers said prices would move in a tight range in the absence of fresh incentives. The Straits Times industrial index finished 10.19 points lower at 1,488.78.

☐ Sydney — Australian share prices shrugged off a steep slide in Tokyo to close slightly higher, brokers said. The Ali-Ordinaries index ended un 2.4 points at 1636.3.

Surgery puts Ivory & Sime back on its feet

TWO years ago Ivory & Sime Munro hopes to expand the was the sick man of Edin-burgh. Poor performance and staff defections had led to three successive years of declining profits.

Since then the new management team, led by Alian Munro, managing director, has restored the firm's reput-ation. The effects of the surgery are clear in the results for the year to end-April. Pretax profits have rebounded 56 per cent to a record £4.52 million, while earnings per share are up 46 per cent to 9p. Tight cost control meant a 14 per cent rise in revenue fed straight through to the bottom line.

A series of deals and the rise in world stock markets increased Ivory's assets under management by 11 per cent to £2.9 billion. The acquisition of Argosy Asset Management, with funds of £420 million, was the largest element in the increase, while Castle Cairns, the pri-vate-client manager, added another £30 million.

Ivory must now show it can generate internal growth. It has had trouble winning new institutional clients since the troubles of the late 1980s. Now, however, it has a stronger three-year record and believes it can bid for additional business.

On the retail side, Mr

investment-trust business. Ivory manages 14 trusts and wants to add more by acquiring other managers, particu-larly any in financial difficulty. Ivory still has more than £11 million in cash and, like other fund managers. continues to generate funds faster than it can spend

Provided Ivory can keep expanding its portfolio, profits will go on rising steadily. lvory can also begin to raise its dividend again, which has remained unchanged at

5.75p for the last three years. Profits of £5 million this year would put the shares, at 125p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 12.5, while the current yield is an attractive 6.1 per cent. Worth following.

Allen

BUILDING and construction companies with share prices higher today than they were three years ago are rarities. Allen — a builder, developer and plant hire group from Wigan — is certainly that.

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Progress: Ray Chambers, Campbell chairman

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126p today.

Three of the four operating divisions suffered profit setbacks in the year to last March, but the group's financial resources are strong enough to permit a defiant 0.1p lift in the dividend, to 5p a share.

The subsidence in group pre-tax profits, from £5.25-million to £3.21 million — the first in its 23-year history — is remarkable only in that it is not more substantial. although a further decline already looks inevitable this

The surprise of 1991-2 was

the resilience of the contracting division, where the group achieved improved margins and lifted profits to £1.4

Housebuilding margins slipped by only 3.6 points, to 13.1 per cent, but in property development and plant hire, margins more than halved. The good news is in the financial husbandry. The dividend is still almost twice covered by earnings, and should remain safe enough this year, even if profits slip to £2.5 million, as the market now predicts. Gearing remains at a comfortable 36.7 per cent, with interest covered 4.4 times.

At 126p, the shares sell for 17.3 times projected currentyear earnings and should not

Campbell

AS A medium-sized shop- such job cuts, as well as a r and construction (pany, Campbell & Armstrong had all the hallmarks of an

accident waiting to happen.
To the considerable credit of Ray Chambers. chairman, and his fellow directors, that disaster appears to have been averted. A second-half pre-tax profit of £26,000 may not sound much, but compar-ed with a first-half loss of £849,000 it is progress in-deed. Assuming the progress continues, last year's aggreg-

ated loss of £823.000 (against a £344.000 loss in

ated loss of £823.000 (against a £344.000 loss in 1990-1) may represent the low point of Campbell's profit cycle. The total dividend is therefore unchanged at 2p.

The positive progress is part sound management and part serendipity, the latter represented by a timely contract to fit out Toyota's new offices at Derby, which contributed £11 million to the group's £61 million turnover.

While neither the Toyota deal nor the growing relationship with Marks and Spencer, which should underpin the order book this year, could have been achieved without management, the board's contribution is more obviously apparent from the businesses prudently closed in 1990-1 and the further cut in jobs last year, which saw the workforce drop from 1.000 to 800. The cost of such job cuts, as well as a more aggressive approach to bad debts, have pushed up administrative expenses to £83, million. administrative expenses to

E8.3 million. With net borrowings and gearing apparently under control at £4.4 million and 60 per cent respectively, Smith New Court believes profits of more than £800.000 are possible this year. At 35p the shares are fairly valued on a price-earnings multiple of just

Auction of gilts puts deals in the shade

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE main preoccupation this week for investors in gilt markets continues to be tomorrow's auction of 20-year

Government securities had opened a little lower, which was viewed by many as another defensive measure ahead of the auction. This issue of £24 billion of Treasury 9 per cent 2012 'A' has been greeted with nervousness by many in the City. partly because of the size of the issue in a year that has already seen the government

raise £12.2 billion.
The fund raising comes after the government's commitment to raise the public sector borrowing requirement to £28 billion, most of which would be funded by the gilt market.

A good set of trade figures that had seen Britain's trade gap narrow sharply to £645 million last month from an April deficit of £1.16 billion, after a surprise jump in exports and a decline in im-

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ports, steadied the market. But it did not push it on, which reflected a pre-occupation with tomorrow's auction.

The afternoon was quiet, with volume for the long gilt future dying down. Total vol-ume only reached 19,000 contracts, which compares with between 30,000 and 40,000 contracts on an average active day.

Longer dated gilts ended the day with losses of up to a quarter of a point. Unless there is internation-

al news, the market is expected to continue to be quiet ahead of the auction.

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hare prices are supposed to go up and down. Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister. explained innocently to the Tokyo press yesterday. It would be quite wrong for the government to try to influence the stock market directly. Quite so. In reality, Mr Miyazawa would dearly like to influence share prices directly, since the precipitous falls on the Tokyo stock exchange and on property markets are the main immediate causes of the country's economic malaise. Sadly, the scandalous history of fixing between the big securities houses rules out that option when it is really needed.

Less than three months after the last budget package to stimulate the economy, the government is drawing up another combination of capital spending, aid to smaller forms and tax cuts. This minibudget may not be ready in time for the Munich economic summit in two weeks, where Mr Miyazawa will doubtless be chided for permitting the one remaining growth locomotive among the main economic powers to seize up, but will surely be brandished before voters in elections to the upper house of parliament at the end of July.

As yet, Japan's government is not encouraging speculation that monetary policy will be eased further. Banks are still lending money to the best customers at 6.3 per cent, which does not seem restrictive to European eyes, but the broad money supply grew by a record low of 1.1 per cent in the year to May, seemingly destined to undershoot its midyear target of 2 per cent annual growth. When confidence is the main casualty, however, further interest rate cuts would not necessarily do the trick.

Banks cannot boost lending because the fall in stock prices is destroying their hidden reserves. The latest slip in the Nikkei index below 16,000 has left six world-class banks operating with total capital ratios below the 8 per cent agreed international standard, though that does not count officially until March 1993. The unravelling of the asset price pyramid has probably taken blue chip industrial shares well below their sustainable long-term level already, but markets always overshoot in a crash and who knows how far that will go in Tokyo?

Bohemian ways

🛪 zechoslovakia's demise would set up an intriguing laboratory experiment to test the rival approaches to economic reform. Economic factors figure strongly in the separatist tendencies of the poorer Slovaks, whose heavy and defence-oriented industries are less competitive. The two sides have different ideas about how to restructure and reform their economies. Slovaks are suspicious of economic radicalism, claiming they were the main casualties of the fast-track privatisation policies espoused by Vaclav Klaus, the former finance minister and now prime minister-designate of the Czech republic. Industrial production fell 47 per cent in Slovakia in the year to January, against 31 per cent in the Czech lands, and unemployment topped 12 per cent by the end of March, against 3.7 per cent in

Bohemia and Moravia. Separation would allow the Slovaks to pursue more gradual economic reform policies, which they hope would leave them more comfortably in the back woods of Europe. The Czechs could press on with fast-track reform, without being held back by their less-developed neighbour. The Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studies estimates that separation would delay economic recovery, originally expected to start at the end of this year, by at least six months, because of the ensuing uncertainty and disruption. For the Czechs, anxious to win back their place at the heart of Europe's advanced economies, this may be a price worth paying.

Cracks remain as plasterboard leader emerges from price war

On Thursday, BPB

is expected to report

pre-tax profits

of not much more

than £40 million, Martin Waller reports

or two decades, BPB Industries regarded the UK market for plasterboard, an unromantic but increasingly useful building material, as its own private pond to be fished at will. Then

someone let the sharks in. The resulting stramble would make an interesting case study for economists, demonstrating what happens when competition is suddenly introduced into a monopoly. Prices fell. Production capacity soared, far outstripping the needs of the market, so prices fell further. Then the building industry went into an unprecedented recession. In the end, everyone suffered. The only hope for the industry is that the price war, the worst in building materials since 1945, is now over.

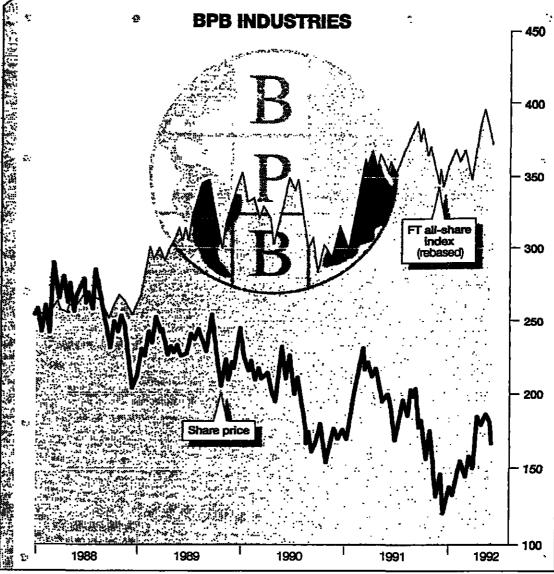
Plasterboard, made from gypsum, was invented in America a century ago and introduced to Britain during the first world war by British Plasterboard, which later became BPB. It has traditionally been applied in housing, but use has spread over the past decade or so with the growth in

commercial building. The material is much lighter than traditional wet plastering, quicker and cleaner to put up and pull down and requires few technical skills to install. It is also much cheaper. That package of virtues and the booming market caused a former chairman of BPB a few years ago to confess to a meeting of institutional investors that selling the stuff was like taking sweets from children. BPB's output and profits grew fast and far, making it the most highly regarded company in

Plasterboard is easier to ship across long distances than most building materials. That traditionally allowed some imports from Europe to impinge on BPB's monopoly but do little real damage. Up to the middle of the 1980s, the company was one of those secretive, tightly controlled businesses typical of the building industry, where near-monopolies and cosy cartels have long been allowed to flourish despite the best endeavours of the Office of Fair Trading. It saw off ICI, the only other producer in Britain, in 1968, when the chemicals giant shut a plant in the North East. BPB began to come out of its shell as it spied expansion prospects in continental Europe to boost its traditional

earnings base. Five years ago, that base came under the first attack from Redland. another big British building material producer, and, up to then, significantly lighter on its feet than BPB.

Redland put £50 million into a link with CSR, an Australian group with interests in building, natural resources and sugar, to build two greenfield plasterboard plants and capture as much as 30 per cent of the



British market. Meanwhile, Knauf, the biggest manufacturer in West Germany, was aiming to build its own factory in Sittingbourne, Kent. to take more than 10 per cent. Knauf had been stung by BPB's 1987 encroachment into the West German market with the purchase of Rigip's plasterboard interests. Eternit TAC, a Belgian business, was talking about its own plant and had taken over the Essex importing facilities of Lafarge-Coppée of France, another continental producer, whose imports had won

a 2 per cent market share in Britain. BPB's share price was falling, but the company remained defiant. It decided to build a new factory at Sharpness, near Bristol, increasing total capacity to 200 million square metres, about 33 per cent more material than the market was using at the time.

Those economists following this theoretical case study would now immediately forecast a price war. Both BPB and Redland said that was just what they planned to avoid. The economists would have been right.

BPB admitted that by the end of 1989 plasterboard capacity in Britain would be up to 260 million square metres a year, compared with annual sales at the time of 180 million. The investment in new plant, the company claimed, would still allow it to cut costs by up to a quarter and so slash prices to see off the competition. As so often, on the eve of a war, both sides were protesting their pacifism and loading their weapons.

The City was becoming increasingly disenchanted. Phillips & Drew, the broker, said about 280 million square metres of new capacity was coming on stream in Europe as a whole to feed a market that would grow by only 40 million square metres during the same period. BPB shares, well over £4 before the 1987 market crash, barely lifted above

ate in 1988, BPB had been fined £2.1 million by the European Commission for illegal market practices, in 1986 and 1987 in Britain and Ireland, in defence of its monopoly. A Spanish importer had claimed that the company was making "fidelity payments" to builders' merchants to persuade them not to stock imported material.

The rumours had been rife in the tightly knit building materials trade for years, and not just about BPB. Such practices, although marketrigging of the crudest sort, are not unknown in the industry.

In January 1989, BPB went on the attack, cutting prices in Britain by 4 per cent and in France and Germany by 10 per cent and threatening a 25

per cent cut in real terms in Britain to see off the mounting competition

over the next two years. By the end of that year, BPB was calling on Brussels for help against Redland and Knauf, urging that they should be fined for "dumping", or selling products at uneconomic prices to weaken the competition. Meanwhile the company was calling on the Office of Fair Trading, the old enemy, for a relaxation of undertakings over its pricing structure given in 1977, when there was no competition. The OFT asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for a full investigation into the plasterboard market, and BPB was duly released from its undertakings.

In August 1990. Redland effectively threw in the towel. The company had been discreetly hawking its half-share in the loss-making joint venture around the industry, offering it to both BPB and Knauf. In the event, Redland was forced to agree the purchase by Lafarge of CSR's stake, with the French then taking an 80 per cent share of the venture. BPB had another rival in Britain.

The MMC ruling was not an unalloyed pleasure for BPB, because it was based on the clear recognition that the company's monopoly was now ended for good. The MMC found that BPB's market share in Britain had fallen from 96 per cent to

65 per cent over just two years. Redland/Lafarge had 18 per cent and Knauf 10 per cent, the rest being accounted for by the burgeoning import trade.

The OFT threatened to cause BPB more grief when Sir Gordon Borrie, the then director general, asked that a substantial French acquisition, which completed BPB's plans for European expansion, be referred to the MMC. His plea was unusually and controversially overruled by Peter Lilley, the then trade secretary.

BPB duly joined the queue of British building groups raising fresh cash in last year's spring mini-boom on the stock market, raising £125.5 million. The money would be used to pay off borrowings, which had tre-bled to £300 million in one year, to improve production in Europe and for the inevitable much-trumpeted expansion into Eastern Europe.

At the time that Redland and Knauf entered the fray, plasterbound sales were running at about 150 million square merres a year, up more than 20 per cent on the previous decade, and BPB was enjoying annual pre-tax profits of about £180 million a year, on sales of less than £900 million.

n Thursday BPB, led by Alan Turner who this year named John Maxwell as his successor as chief executive, will be lucky to report pre-tax profits of much more than \$40 million. A repeated dividend would Europe over the past five years has cut plasterboard prices 50 to 75 per cent and pushed all small independents out, leaving the big three, BPB, Lafarge and Knauf, to slug it out.

Angus Phaure, of County NatWest. does not expect any growth in European plasterboard volumes in 1992-3 or 1993-4, although a resumption of growth in the European economy thereafter should spark a surge in demand. He sees BPB's profits rising to £300 million a year by the end of the decade.

Even if this happens, will the existing shareholders be there to receive the benefit? Once unassailable, BPB is now vulnerable to an opportunistic takeover bid. In a straw poll of City analysts asked to name their favourite bid target at the start of this year, BPB was one of the most favoured candidates, along with Midland Bank. "If we are changing from a vicious three-to-four-year downturn to a prolonged upturn. then we are at a turning point in BPB's history," Mr Phaure says.

In recent months, list prices of plasterboard have risen 15 per cent in France. 8 per cent in Britain and 20 per cent in Germany. So far, these increases have not held up fully on the ground and discounts are still on offer. If the three big players can be persuaded from cutting each others' throats to the benefit of their customers, the price war may at long last be

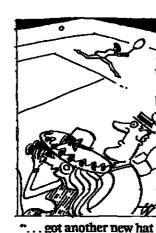
Howard Seymour, at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, says: "To date, it looks like it's sticking."

Whatever the outcome, BPB's halcyon days of exponential growth through taking sweets off children are now over.

Caulkett resigns from Daiwa

PETER Caulkett, head of UK equity sales at Daiwa, the second-largest Japanese stockbroking house, has resigned. frustrated by the firm's slow pace of development. "Their timescale is very different to my timescale, in fact their timescale will probably see me in a Zimmer frame." Caulkett. 47. says from his Southend. Essex, home. Caulkett has opted instead to work for Teather & Greenwood, an old- style stockbroking partnership run by old-Etonian Jeremy Delmar-Morgan, the senior partner. He will start before the end of July. "I am going to be a salesman there and although I knew my top half-dozen clients would all come with me, I was amazed, as I worked my way further and further down the list, how many of the others knew all about Teather & Greenwood, said it was a smashing little house and said they had been waiting for an excuse to do business with them." Caulkett TOPUS men lang says that when he joined Daiwa three years ago, his brief was to build up and run a UK institutional equity sales team and he was told that that role would, during the course of two or three years, be expanded to cover research. But over the past two or three years it has gone nowhere and I could see no sign of it going anywhere, Caulkett says. They are trying to do everything on a pan-European basis, with one analyst per

lysts also spend a lot of time



since Ascot — that's a sign of recovery." doing work for Tokyo and

corporate finance."

Nikko aspires NIKKO Europe, part of the third largest Japanese stockbroking group, believes it could soon be challenging Daiwa for the number two slot - in the UK and Europe at least. Nikko has just recruited two employees, based in London. They are Germanborn Frank Raschke, a European salesman specialising in Germany, France and Spain. from Girozentrale Gilbert Eliott, and David Blackwood, an engineering analyst. Blackwood's recruitment is being jokingly referred to as a tit-fortat poaching from Carr, Kitcat & Aitken, which recruited Alasdair Stewart, Nikko's former engineering analyst. Blackwood, who had recently been "let go" by Carr Kitcat, was previously employed by sector, which means they are Hoare Govett, where his path spread very thinly. The anacrossed briefly with Peter Roc.

now head of UK and European Equities at Nikko. Roe. 37. says: "Our paths crossed for about a week, he joined just as I was about to leave, and no. the same thing is not going to happen again - it's too good here. We have built up a fairly strong base servicing UK clients and we now want to strengthen that by selling into Europe and selling European stocks. We will continue to build up our sales desk but we are being very choosy."

AN advertisement spotted by a reader in Harare, Zimbabwe: Mukuvisi Woodlands crocodiles are fed every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon at 4.30. Bring the children."

On his bike

ROGER Turner, a European government bond trader at Yamaichi, the securities house, was the toast of his firm yesterday after he took to his bicycle and beat British Rail's Brighton to London journey time by two hours. Turner, who lives near Lewes, Sussex, boarded a London-bound train in Brighton at 6 am on Sunday, with his bicycle, so that he - and 84 Yamaichi colleagues, among 27,000 competitors - could take part in the London to Brighton bike ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation. The journey to London took five hours, compared with the three hours he took to cycle back. "British Rail kept making people with hicycles get off the trains as they didn't have enough stock," Simon de Ferrer, Yamaichi spokesman, says.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's must remember that its names are its assets

From Mr John Charnley Sir. The decision of the council of Lloyd's not to launch a "rescue package" for the hardest-hit names has left many names in a state of shock and

Whilst it is perhaps right that the rest of the names should not have to bail out those hardest-hit, it is incredible that the council have not followed the route most widely advocated - that the managing agents, members' agents and brokers who work in the market should contribute to a fund to "cap" the worst losses and thereby reduce the need

for names to litigate.

The decision to reduce the level of the "cap" in future, so as to attract new names to replace those being forced to. resign, merely adds insult to injury. At present, a name

cannot apply to the "hard-ship" committee while still underwriting. However, there are many names who see that the only way to survive these huge losses is to continue to underwrite in the firmer market conditions that now prevail. The council should

1. That names be allowed to apply to the hardship commit-tee whilst continuing their

therefore be urged to act as

underwriting. 2. That Lloyd's uses its considerable security to arrange loan facilities for the hardest-hit names from merchant banks or, if necessary, from the Bank of England - at say, I per cent over bank base. This would give names more time to reorganise their affairs and trade through these losses.

mercy of the high street banks. who are notoriously fickle at the moment

3. That Lloyd's continues to tre to work out a solution with the market, and quickly, to can the worst losses of 1988 to 1990, to reduce the avalanche of litigation that now threatens to engulf the market.

Finally, Lloyd's would do well to emulate good companies that take care of their skilled workforce because they see them as an asset. Lloyd's names are its assets, and it would do well to treat them with some care and respect, qualities which have been sadly lacking recently. With a little bit of help, these names can still be an asset to Lloyd's. Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHARNLEY, Wickham, They would then not be at the Hampshire.

Central fund should extend 12-month loans to hard-hit syndicates

From Mr Oliver Gillie Sir, The decision by the council of Lloyd's not to mount a rescue operation for the worsthit names will cause great distress, not least because of the expectations that were allowed to build up ahead of the negative announcement. But there were always so many large, if not insuperable, obcourts within days. stacles that a settlement with any chance of calming the atmosphere was very unlikely.

However, it seems to me (a bruised but I hope not too badly battered name) that there is a relatively simple option that is still available and which would deal with the perceived immediate injustices. The various action groups, and especialy the Gooda Walker one to which I belong, are particularly incensed that with reports commissioned by Lloyd's themselves still to be produced, and

cases for litigation, cash calls are about to be made and strongly enforced which will cause much hardship and many bankruptcies. Much of this money will not be collected even if no injunction to prevent collection is successful and a tidal wave of such injunctions is likely to hit the

The resulting non-payment will have to be met by the recently boosted central fund. So why should the central fund not lend money to the proubled syndicates, on a strictly limited basis, for 12 months? The names would not be freed from their obligations but cash calls could be reduced to manageable proportions, or even eliminated, while the internal reports are produced and digested, and a test case or two has come to court. The strain on the central fund would obviously be great-

er this way but the rate of non-

payment looks like being very high in the worst-hit syndicates. If the reports find nothing

untoward and the court actions fail, the names will have gained nothing but time and a reduced sense of massive injustice. Lloyd's will not be spared a great deal of bad publicity but it might prove a little less bad. But if serious wrongdoing or negligence is found, providing grounds for claiming against errors and omissions policies and perhaps even beyond, many bankruptcies and much human misery will be saved. Yours faithfully, OLIVER GILLIE. 126 Court Lane.

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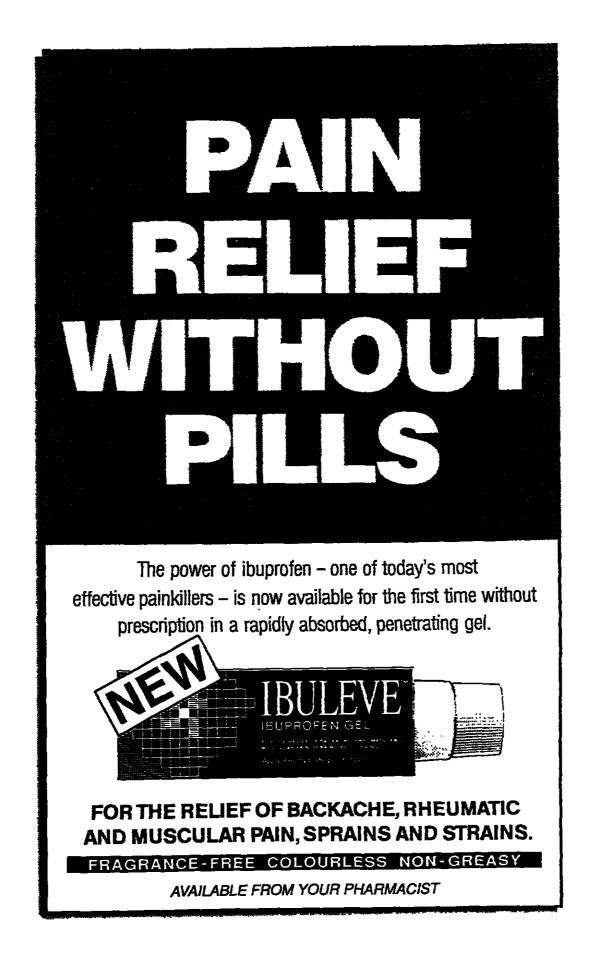
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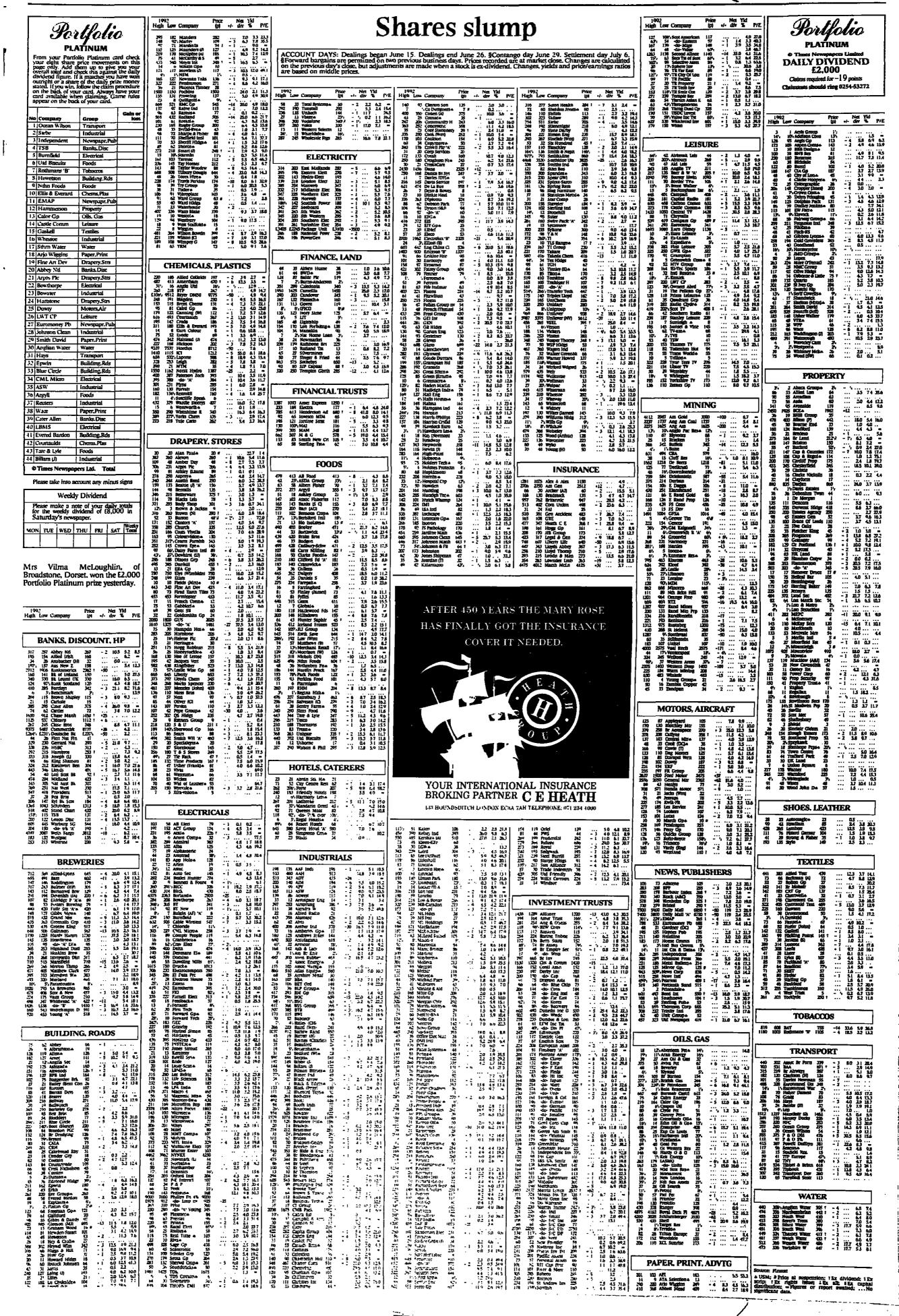


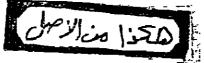
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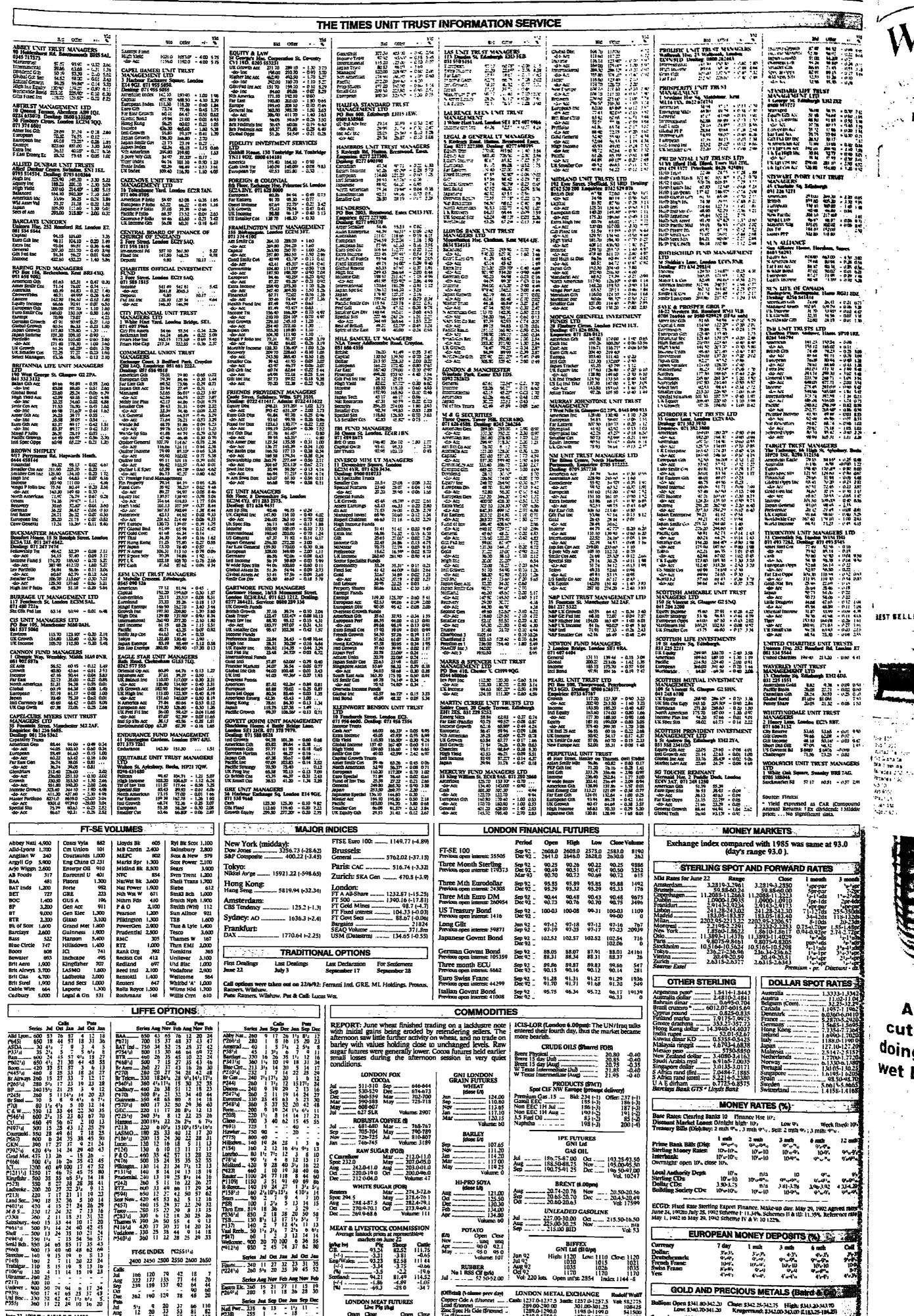
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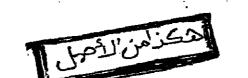
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Waiting for the fleet to come in

The luxury car sector is watching out for the return of the corporate buyers, Kevin Eason explains

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ing man spotting land: it may be a long way to swim but at least there is hope. At any other time during the past two years, the meagre increases in sales recorded by the motor industry in April and May would have been barely noticeable, no more

the sales chart. For the executive car makers, a slight increase in sales in May was the first and, so far, the only sign that the worst is over and that sales may revive

than blips on a graph resolute-ly anchored at the bottom of

The sales charts underline the fact that sales of executive cars have been torpedoed by the recession. After accounting for about 11.5 per cent of all new car sales in the peak years of 1988 and 1989, their share has sunk back to 8.6 per cent in 1990 and 8 per cent last

Unless there is a huge improvement in fortunes towards the end of the year, particularly in August when the change to the "K" registration letter will spark the biggest sales month of the year, there is little chance that executive models will see their share of the market revive.

More than any other sector of the market, sales of executive cars in this country depend almost entirely on the fortunes of business and there have been precious few businesses enjoying good fortune

It is a market dominated by company buyers: the fleet managers who decide who gets what in the company car pecking order, from the top sales representative up to the

Britain's best selling executive cars this year

Rover 800_____ Volvo 7/900____ Vauxhall Carlton

BMW 5-series Mercedes 200/300. Mercedes 190____ Audi 100___

In America, for example, almost all sales of Jaguars are to private buyers, who typically earn more than \$100,000 a year (£58,000) and buy petrol at about 70p a gailon.

Nine out of ten Jaguars sold in Britain go into company fleets as transport for managing directors and chairmen simply because there are so few private buyers around who could or would afford the luxurious "big cats", even though they are competitively priced against the competition Mercedes-Benz and BMW.

For volume makers, such as Ford, Vauxhall and Rover, fleet sales also account for more than 70 per cent of their Granadas, Carltons and 800s. That means there is no clearer mirror to reflect the health of the nation's businesses than the graph which charts sales of

When business booms, so do the car manufacturers who make saloons with luxury fittings and the power to toil up and down motorways on long sales trips.
When the recession bites,

companies close their cheque books and the sales of executive cars simply dry up. That has been the story of the past two years.

In fact, the recession has proved a two-edged sword in the executive car sector. Not only have motor manufacturers been unable to get rid of new cars, but there has been a flood of very good secondhand cars in the hands of dealers and auctioneers from companies suffering financial stringency or even bankruptcy. That means that the astute

back at auctions and buy nearly-new cars at relatively Tom Madden, director of

BEST SELLING EXECUTIVE CARS

buver has been content to sit



customer affairs at ADT Auctions, says that the best cars usually disappear before they reach the auctions, often being sold to family or friends. The rest, however, represent bargains for buyers who know what they are looking for.

Two-litre Granada Ghias and highly specified Rover 800s have found buyers easily, he says. Three-litre cars have been more difficult to find homes for, with some very expensive models not attracting much interest at all. Mr Madden says: "The

kinds of people buying at auctions or from used-car dealerships want good value for money. They might be two-litre cars but with all the extras on board. A big-engined car may not prove such good value and might attract more personal taxation for a businessman buying a company car."

However, it is on the newcar business that manufacturers have been concentrating their attention, bringing out plenty of new products but at the same time assailed on all sides by buyers unable or unwilling to spend, soaring insurance costs and a general trend towards smaller, more

economical cars. Rover launched its new 800 series straight into this unpleasant mêlée at the turn of the year and might have expected to encounter a tortured start. In fact, its new car has gone to the top of the charts in the "H" segment, by

which manufacturers define

volume executive models. After five months on sale the Rover 800 is taking 14.4 per cent of the British executive car market, a good start for the second generation of the model, particularly as the new, sporting coupé is only now coming into showrooms to provide further competition for BMW and Mercedes.

the strongest of the foreign manufacturers. both its compac 200/300 series and its 190 series cars in the top ten. Add together the market shares of the two model groups, however, and Mercedes shows strongly as the market leader. accounting for 15.5 per cent of all executive sales.

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The figures make less happy reading for Ford, which topped the sales charts last year with its Granada. Granarecord for the series. das accounted for 19.3 per

advanced years against some of the sprightlier competition. At the upper end of the executive car echelon, there is no cause yet for celebrations but there was some evidence of a slight upturn in the fortunes of Jaguar with sales perking

cent of all executive model

sales in 1991, but the car is

starting to look all of its

up in May. Mercedes has also found that, in spite of the recession, there have been buyers around for its S-Class saloons, the model already being described by pundits as the best car in the world, even at prices between £40,000 and

£86,000. The company has

delivered 1,000 cars in seven months, sening a British Hans Tauscher, managing

director of Mercedes-Benz (UK), says: "There can be no denying that the past two years have been extremely difficult. The quality car market has not been immune to the recession so it was not exactly the ideal time to launch a new, expensive car."

Mr Tauscher is one of those who think the market will turn around, albeit slowly, during this year as business confidence and profitability return.

That is what he and the rest of the industry are hoping in earnest, because if things do not improve there will be an awful lot of very expensive cars sitting in fields over the next

Plastic controls fuel bills

Charge cards for forecourts can keep costs down

"We suspected that the

main problem was something

that we called the fiddle factor'. After a long-term au-

dit we discovered a number of

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we had cut this 'premium'

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Cards product manager, asks:

"How can any modern fleet

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servicing, parts and repairs.

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The euroShell card gives

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countries and can be used for

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ries and tolls and also gives

HGV drivers access to a 24-

computer system.

a fleet of 1,200 vehicles." Amanda Nicholson, Shell

Gulf war peak, the pressure on companies to make sure that they are getting maximum value out of every gallon mounts, David Young writes. Pressure is also increasing to make sure that every penny spent by the companies goes

on petrol rather than the many other items which are now available on the forecourt.

So it is hardly surprising that the benefits of the petrol company charge card as a management tool are being

vigorously promoted. Cards such as the BP Supercharge card can give the company fleet manager de-tailed information on every purchase, but one important factor the fleet operators demand is that cards can be used at outlets other than those operated by the issuing charge card company. It is for that reason that BP cards are usable at Shell stations and Shell cards at Esso stations as

well as at most other sites. Ron Neal, manager of cash control at 3M. says: "With a fleet over 1.000 vehicles you can imagine the amount of paperwork involved in monitoring and controlling fuel costs. While exploring ways to streamline the process we didn't want to find ourselves at the mercy of any one oil company should there be a disruption of supply.

The solution we settled on was a multi-brand fuel card which offered an excellent nationwide network. BP Supercharge fitted the bill."

Edie West, accounting services manager of Honeywell, says: "We have always been careful to monitor our fuel costs, but we could never understand why, when we came to settle bills, we were paying an average of llp a gallon more for our petrol than pump prices.

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European countries. The Shell Account Card is aimed at local business users and operates in 15 key regions in the Britain. Each card can be specific to an individual or a vehicle and for specific products, allowing tight controls to be kept on

Managers find a silver lining

leet management services account for more than a quarter of the long-term car rental and leasing market, which makes it the favoured route after contract hire for companies organising the buying and running of their corporate cars.

Fleet management typically can offer companies a wide range of services, with clients choosing what they need as if from a menu, although most opt for a small number of services. The trend for companies to stick to their core businesses and contract out other needs means that many turn over the entire job of fleet handling to the professional fleet manager.

That means involvement from the initial buying of vehicles — where a fleet management company can strike good deals because of volume buying - through their opera-tional life and to eventual sale. It also involves advising on general fleet policy, such as which cars would be the most efficient for a given client, and dealing with peripheral needs, such as driver

Fleet manage-'We have ment has shown consistent seen growth growth and has throughout been given a boost during the recession as com-1991 and panies have hunted for iminto 1992' proved efficiency.

according to Colin Tourick, director of business development at Fleet Motor Management (FMM), based in Cambridgeshire. His company, one of the two leaders in the fleet management sector. manages more than £400 million worth of customers' vehicles and is a subsidiary of Commercial Union, the finan-

cial services group.

The other leading operator is PHH Allstar, based in Swindon, Wiltshire, which is a subsidiary of America's PHH Corporation, the pioneer of the fleet management concept. The three men who founded PHH - Duane Petersen, Harley Howell and Richard Heather - returned from the second world war to the transport business and decided that instead of building up their own vehicle fleet they would manage somebody else's

Rob Whalley, marketing director for PHH Allstar, which manages more than 120,000 vehicles for clients, says: "The raison d'être of fleet management, now as then, is controlling a client's costs so that in a recession we can offer something concrete to companies seeking to reduce costs and we can monitor them carefully. As a result we have been seeing new business coming in strongly, although some has also diminished as some firms

impact of the recession."

Throughout the fleet management sector continued scope for growth is foreseen because of the need for companies to seek further efficiencies as the economy climbs painfully out of recession. Moreover, about two thirds of all business fleets are still managed by the companies themselves, leaving plenty of potential for winning more firms over to the idea of bringing in fleet management

Mr Tourick says: "I believe the fleet management sector has gained because of the recession. We ourselves have seen growth throughout 1991 and into 1992 with a for or demand still coming

through." It could be partly a shift from one market segment to another, because some com-panies seem to look for an alternative to contract hire, Mr. believes that contract hire is the ideal option for smaller fleets because it provides an

additional torm of finance for a smaller company while guarantee ing monthly outgoings on the vehicles, which in turn underpins cash flow. Mr Tourick ar-

gues that once a fleet exceeds about 100 cars a company is big enough to finance vehicles from its own cash resources or existing lines

of credit. Disposal profits also go back to the company.

"A reputable fleet manage ment company", he says, "will provide accurate maintenance costs and residual value forecasts, thus managing the risk

Mr Whalley says: "A company might not need help in buying cars but wants finance. So leasing or perhaps contract hire can be offered. Or buying at advantageous prices might be exactly what is wanted yet a company might be cash rich and so be able easily to fund vehicle purchasing."

One way to take the strain out of running a fleet is to offer a maintenance service on a charge-card system. PHH has its Allstar fuel card, which is acceptable on two out of three petrol forecourts around the country. Vehicle maintenance is also available on charge card at more than 12,000 outlets throughout Britain.

Fleet management can also take the sting out of selling a used car. About 60 per cent of company cars are sold off through auctions, about 30 per cent to a client company's employees and the balance to

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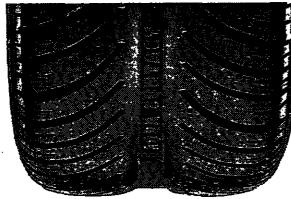
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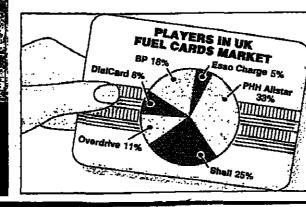


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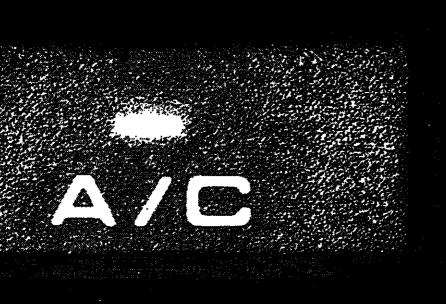
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Full power dressing

eing senior people, executives need executive cars, which means cars with an easily distinguishable status, to underline their driver's position, both in the company car park and on the domestic

Some years ago, the choice was fairly simple: if you were getting there you drove a BMW. If you had already arrived, you drove a Jaguar or Mercedes. If it did not actually matter whether you got there or not, you were driven about in a Rolls-Royce or, if you were not quite that old, you drove yourself around in a Bentley.

Today, BMW makes cars which start from £14.500 and go up to an awe-inspiring £61.495. Jaguars range from £24,850 to £48,650 and you can get a Mercedes from £16.600 to £86.154.

In between all these comes a host of new entrants into the volatile and exciting parade of executive company cars. Car makers have realised that this market sector, though savaged and much deflated by the recession, is ripe again for the

Today's executives want several things from their company cars apart from status. as standard. Air-conditioning is a firm favourite, but if the budget will not stretch to that. then a sunroof is a must. Electric windows and central locking are much in evidence on most cars costing £15,000 and upwards these days, but power steering is gaining in popularity, both as an optional extra and a standard

requirement Tax efficiency is always important and the present system has led to a huge demand for cars with engines of less than two litres, costing less than £19,250 but with high standard specifications.

It is only the media which expresses any real interest in safety and the environment experience shows that executives, just like any other car buyer, will not forgo the pleasures of, say, an on-board CD player in exchange for antilock brakes or a catalytic converier, so enlightened manufacturers have started sticking both on as standard and throwing a CD player in with the price increase that all three additions impose.

Car makers are quick to meet demand for symbols of corporate

success, John Blauth explains

Among Italian manufacturers, Alfa Romeo enjoyed a renaissance in this sector of the market when it launched the 164 saloon. A new Alfa Romeo, the 155, is expected to satisfy the market up to £20,000 and a new Lancia Thema is due to go on sale in

The past year has seen the launch of two important cars from the Audi stable: the 80 and 100, with a new V8 for the driver who wants to enjoy something exclusive and rela-

udi has always been well liked by the British business Community, not least for its sensible image and well built cars. The cars are still rather on the dull side, but complaints about poor equipment levels are now unfair and dynamically there is not an Audi which fails to impress.

From Munich, the home of BMW, there are several new cars and engines: the 3-series coupe, 5-series Touring (estate), three and four-litre VS engined 7 series expected in September and the 380-horsepower M5 saloon for the very

BMW still sells most of its cars to buyers with a company cheque book, but its reputation is founded first on quality rather than the image of the thrusting young executive

whom non-BMW drivers love to hate.

Citroën, like Peugeot, its partner in Peugeot Société Anonyme, does not do as well in the executive market as it might like. Both companies offer an excellent spread of cars but have failed to make the impression in this market that they deserved to. Image is all, and both Citroen and Peugeot have failed to persuade buyers in the boardroom that their cars are on a par with anything the Germans have to offer. Their strength lies in equipment levels, and both the Citroen XM and the Peugeot 605 are strong contenders in the traditional executive arena against

Ford's main launch this year into the executive market has been the long awaited Grana-da Estate. This roomy wagon is a prime weapon against Volvo's dominance of the estate market. Also this year comes a fire-breathing Escort Cosworth 4x4 which is the road-going version of the works rally car and is strictly for the unselfconscious.

cars like Ford's Granada and

Vauxhall's Carlton.

Japanese manufacturers have not been idle while their European competitors have been busy. Honda has launched the new Prelude. with a facia panel like a laser light-show and stunning handling because of its four-wheel

steering. From Mazda come the new 626 saloun and hatchback and the MX6 sports coupe as well as the Xedos, a V6 BMW competitor.The new RX7 twinturbo, rotary-engined sports car has also been launched in time to draw comparison with the all-new Porsche 968.

Missubishi is bringing out the stunning 3000 GTO coupe later this year and Subaru has already announced the SVX coupe, possibly the most futuristic looking car to arrive here this year, with a glass canopy cabin. Toyota has announced its new Carina E, the car which will eventually be built in Derby shire, and there is talk that the Lexus coupe will come to Britain to satisfy those who crave fewer doors, although Toyota firmly denies this.

over has succeeded cerning public with the new 800 range and claims that the 800 is the best selling car in its class. It recently won the British Vehi de Rental and Leasing Assocation security award against stiff oppostion - a strong marketing advantage at a time when car security is

important to new car buyers. Perhans the most notable launch this year has been the stunning Volvo S50. Many non-Volvo drivers deride the brand as being for woolly thinkers and bad drivers, but the new car is a revelation. It handles well, drives well, and is as worthy and safe a car as its siblings. It satisfies all tax demands as well.

Car makers the world over look with envy at the British car market. The consistent demand for executive cars from industry and business never ceases to excite them and is, in part, responsible for the shape of the market as it is today. But company cars are taking an ever larger share of the European market as a whole, which means better profits for Europe's car makers. As they take on the Japanese with slicker, cheaper production, so they will compete ever harder for the company buyers because, unlike the fickle private punter, they will always want an outward sign of their success as they progress through the corpo-



Top cat: a Jaguar is for those who have arrived

Calculating the value of a car for tax is a mathematical nightmare

hoosing the wrong executive car could cost Britain's confusing and labyrinthine tax structure.

Take two executives. Both pay 40 per cent income tax, both drive BMWs, and both have their fuel supplied by the firm. One does 2,450 business miles a year in his £32.000 535i Sport. His partner does 2,550 business miles a year in his fractionally slower 535i. priced at £28.540.

The executive in his 535i Sport faces a tax bill of £5,956 a year, a staggering £100 a week, while his colleague pays only \$2,676 a year in tax. less than half his partner's rate.

The cost to employees of their company cars has long been a confusion of endless tables, milage allowances and value thresholds. So strong is the suspicion among company car users that they are losing out that when Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his March Budget announced changes in company car allowances the talk was of a cars-for-cash stampede.

Manufacturers feared that his decision not to charge value-added tax when a deduction is made from an employee's salary in return for

For whose benefit?

a company car would finally tilt the balance away from company car use and towards

In the event, the rush did not occur, largely because in the same Budget Mr Lamont also announced a comprehensive review of the baffling company car benefit-in-kind

system. The Inland Revenue, which has been conducting the rekind rules are view, reports later this summer, and the changes are likely to be intro-

duced in time to be implemented by the begin-counted for only a handful of ning of the next tax year. The present system has resulted in cars priced at £19,249,99p and engine sizes

trimmed to 1999cc to allow

vehicles to beat the artificial

company car barriers. Em-

ployees need to take account of

ment firm, PHH AllStar, says: "The existing benefit-in-kind rules are hopelessly out of date. The existing For instance the so-called luxury benefit-intax band comes

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their benefit-in-kind liability.

The less you drive the more

you pay. Drive less than 2,500 business miles a year and you pay most. The burden lessens if you drive between 2,500 and 18,000 miles a year. Drive 18,001 miles in a year and your tax bill halves again. Fuel also causes complica-

costing more than £19,250, with those costing more than

£29,000 additionally pen-

tions. Most executive company car drivers are supplied with fuel by their employers, usually by means of a charge card against an account held at a forecourt chain by the employer. The fuel levy can amount to : an additional £376 on the annual tax bill of an executive driving a £30,000 car 12,500 ... miles a year using fuel supplied by his or her firm.

The executive who drives 2,400 miles a year in his Jaguar Sovereign limousine using company-supplied hel faces an annual tax hill of £5,956. The executive who puts budget before status and drives a Rover Metro for the same milage will have to pay only £1,48b.

Whatever the permutation. you will need a calculator to make the most of the options.

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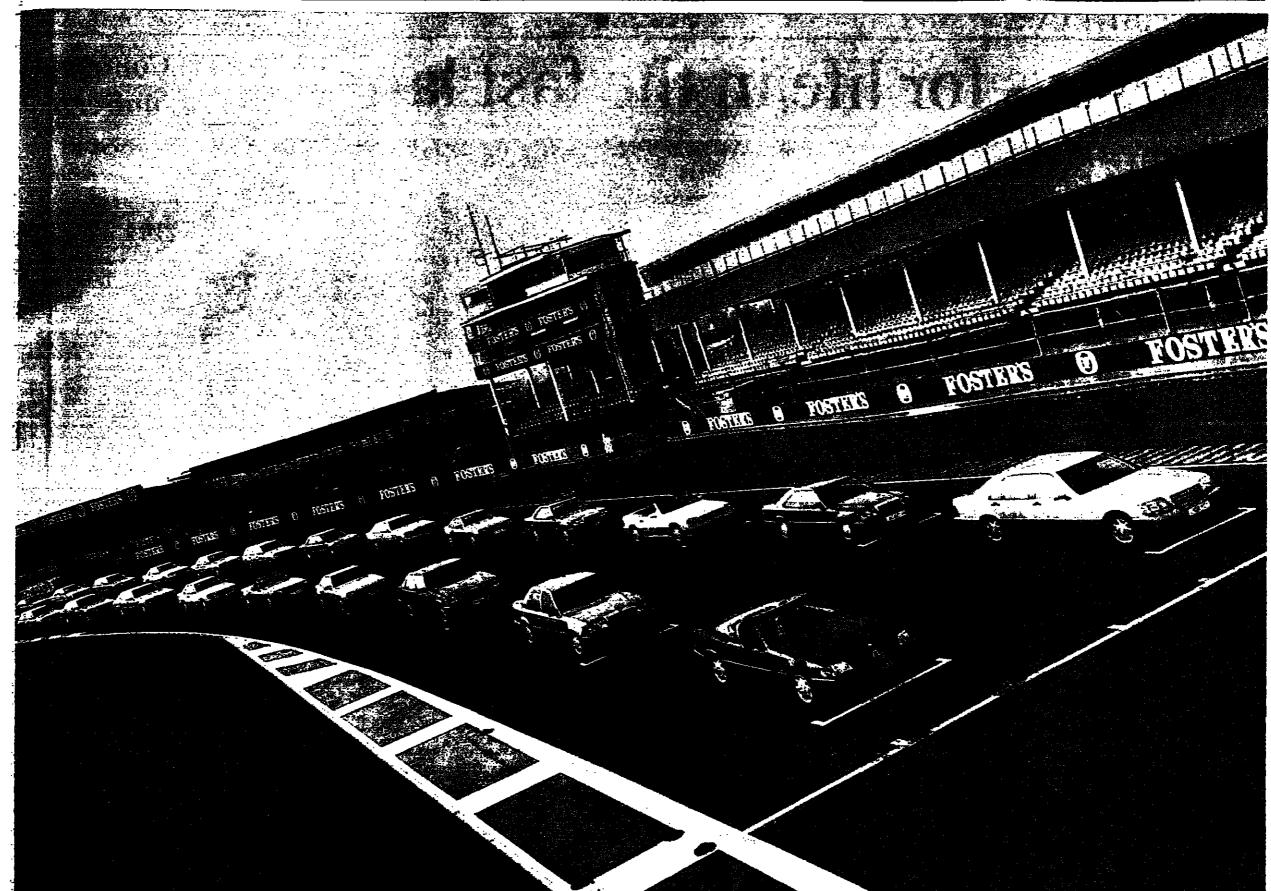
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Toys for life in the fast lane

Manufacturers of sports cars have plenty of expensive models on offer, John Blauth finds

orsche has just launched its 968 to replace the 944. Mazda has just put out a new version of the RX7, a twin-turbo, rotary-engined 150 mph car which accelerates faster to 60 mph from rest than a cheetah

with a pin in its backside.

Last year Honda launched the NSX, a car it claimed matched the Ferrari 348 for style, speed and drivability. Ferrari has itself recently announced a car to replace the Testarossa, the 512TR. And just before the Monaco Grand Prix, McLaren International launched a supercar which will cost about £600,000. Just to order one required a deposit of more than £100.000.

But this is the caring 1990s. Are we not all supposed to be driving around at five miles an hour in cars powered by cabbages in an ersatz remake of the Garden of Eden? No. we are not — because cars, as well as being fine things for shopping and school runs, are artefacts of great sensuality, capable of exciting all sorts of primitive feelings in the breasts of all humans who enjoy

expensive toys.

Sports cars fall into the same category as extravagant watches, portable CD players, cameras and any electronic gadget which can fit neatly into a pocket or briefcase.

Take the Ferrari. It costs a cool £129,954, is powered by a five litre V12 engine which develops 422 bhp and has a top speed of 195 mph. It does not matter that normal mortals would never dream of going close to that speed, even faced with a reasonably empty autobahn. You buy a blood-red Ferrari for different reasons: automotive splendour and excellence.

The company, represented in the United Kingdom by Maranello



Hot off the press: Porsche's mass-produced 968 with a three-litre, four-cylinder engine costs from £34.945 and offers the Tiptronic automatic gearshift as an option

Concessionaires, another jewel in the TKM/Inchcape crown, sells five Ferrari models: coupé and cabriolet Mondial 2 plus 2, coupé and targa-top 348 and the new car. The recession should mean that a buyer who was not too fussy about exact specification might not have to wait too long for a new car. Nevertheless, there is a waiting list. And used Ferraris still command healthy prices. The cognoscenti say that now is the time to buy, as prices are on the turn.

Hotly tipped are the 400 and

412s, especially manuals, all Mondials and 328 coupés.

Buying a Ferran, says one owner, is not unlike getting married. except you worry more about your

Porsche buyers are different animals. Their souls are less emotionally inclined and they are in a different class of wealth. However fine Porsches may be, there is something insufferably vulgar about buying a supercar which professes as a virtue its extended

The 30-year-old 911 continues to sell well. In its present guise it is a much better car than it ever was, even though the inside is like a 1950s VW Beetle and its ventilation is quite useless. The wide and imposing 928 has just been re-launched as a GTS with two suspension options and manual or automatic transmission. It is a highly civilised grand tourer with

great appeal to many. Porsche's new 968 is a different kettle of fish. For a start it is a mass produced car, albeit in small numbers. Powered by a three-litre, four-cylinder engine, it costs E34,945 for the coupé and £38,724 for the cabriolet, which has a power operated hood as standard. For another £1,756 you can add Porsche's Tippronic gearshift, which allows either full automatic or electronic manual gear changing.

Tiptronic is, without question. the deverest thing to hit transmission since the first torque convertor was built. It permits a driver to enjoy driving and to endure traffic with the minimum of discomfort. It does slow the car's acceleration from nought to 60 mph by 1.4 seconds compared with the manual version (7.9 to 6.5 seconds - slower than the Vauxhall Cavalier GSilbut it does its job firmly and without drama or excitement.

Mazda's new RX7 is aimed

directly at the 968 and as it is startlingly quicker to 60 mph and costs £34,000 but comes with airconditioning and various other options as standard, it may well appeal to those seeking dynamic purity rather than solid tradition.

Contracts unfreeze

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RATHER more than half of all comban), cars are penight ontailly However, businesses are increassums of company cash which might otherwise be used to fund company activities, including expansion in unticipation of an end to recession, Derek Harris writes.

At the same time, companies are looking to outside professionals to take on the practical details of running a company car fleet, from coping with breakdowns and replacement parts to responsibility for getting the sums right when cars are finally sold off.

elements and has been growing steadily at an average of about 5 per cent a year. In its latest market survey. The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association (BVRLA) estimates that contract hire accounts for 63 percent of turnover in the long-term rental market.

provided by a lease, and for a fixed owner is covered for all running costs, including servicing and maintenance. Replacement vehicle options are usually built in to cope with accident or servicing prob-lems. Fuel and insurance are the

company which takes responsibility for resale. With used-car values badly hit during the recession, selling off vehicles at the end of their useful life has become difficult

members reported profits on terminated units averaging just over £300, although a quarter said they had run into losses of up to £500. The past 12 months has seen a number of rental and leasing companies disappearing through merger or closure as losses have mounted.

For the business user contract



Pent-up demand: John Brown

mre is ine least risky finance, according to the Finance and Leasing Association. However, if a contract hire company starts to run into financial difficulties and is not meeting its bills in good time, it can be the car user who suffers first as trouble emerges with garages

hire company to maintain a car. Drivers who think the quickest

taught to reduce braking distances

aware of the cost of accidents and the way that they can affect the daily operation. With repair costs increasing and the extra administration of organising replacement vehicles it is worthwhile considering a driver-training programme for high-risk employees to help to minimise costs."

He trains police drivers from two counties. There is even a course for chauffeurs and employees in sensitive positions to learn how to avoid kidnappings.

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Courses to steer a safer route

ompanies that fail to encourage a higher standard of driving among their executives have only themselves to blame when insurance premiums rise. Courses are available to instil safer driving practices and stamp out the feeling that "it's the firm's

ar so why snowe I care". FMM Motor Management at St Neot's, Cambridgeshire, runs defensive driving courses in conjunction with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

It is designed to make drivers aware of potential dangers and how best to avoid them. FMM says its market analysis shows that a 40 per cent reduction in insurance

claims can be achieved. At the moment the opposite is happening, with premiums rising rapidly for the high-powered cars that are favoured by executives. Insurers rate fleets on past claims and a couple of crashes in expensive models can be reflected in the

next bill for the whole fleet. Insurance companies will impose a substantial excess clause and may even refuse to insure models they consider accident

However, there is a place where the driver of a high-powered car can learn a thing or two in comparative safety: the racing circuit at Silverstone in Northamp-

For the past three years the John Watson Performance Driving Centre has been running advanced driving courses at the circuit and is attempting to persuade insurance companies to offer lower premiums to companies sending their

drivers on the courses.

The intensive one-day course costs £150 plus value-added tax, with one instructor for every three pupils. The school's own vehicles are used. Each driver follows a series of exercises designed to make him or her react quickly and safely to potential accidents. The course helps to spotlight the car's and the individual's limitations and encourages pupils to assess the road ahead to avoid common

Lessons include skid control in a computerised skid car, smooth cornering and changing lanes in an emergency.

The basis of the training is the Skid Car, a Swedish invention approved by the Swedish government, where skid training is a usory part of the oriving tes

Front and rear-wheel-drive vehicles are mounted on a special cradle which uses hydraulic rams to lift the weight of the car off the tyres to recreate accurately a loss of grip. This can be increased by small amounts to reproduce worsening conditions.

The Skid Cars operate on a dry surface, avoiding the usual greasy, dirty conditions of a normal skid pan. The area is about the size of two football pitches.

way to brake in an emergency is to stand on the brake pedal, locking the wheels and creating a skid, are by as much as a fifth.

Mr Watson says: "All companies running fleets of vehicles are

can drive well have still time to enter the Cellnet Safe Business Driver of the Year Award. Three regional heats have been held. Four hundred contestants turned up at the Maidstone heat this month and but there are nine more to come. Cellnet is hoping for at

think they are can get an applica-tion form by ringing 0753 504777.

Gripping on the corners Once confined to the farm, four-wheel

drive now improves road handling

tracks and upside down in ditches on mud-spattered rally

Today, these vehicles have been "civilised" through advances in motorsports, although they are still seen by many as high-performance derivatives. However, the real advantages are not in pure performance. Indeed, for acceleration and straight-line speed four-wheeldrive cars are invariably slower than their two-wheel-drive cousins. provided the conditions are perfect. And since four-wheel-drive saloons are still not much use in ploughed fields because of their low groundclearance their attractions seem

This has not stopped most manufacturers adding a four-wheel-drive derivative to their ranges as more and more thinking motorists become aware of the important advantage of 4x4 safety.

In the wet, on ice, on less than perfect road surfaces, four-wheel drive makes motoring safer, more relaxed and more assured. Cornering also becomes safer as all four wheels work to bring the car round.

rather than just two.

That is why four-wheel-drive sales in the United Kingdom have doubled since 1987, when they took 1.5 per cent of the market for new cars. Now they account for 3 per cent of all new cars bought.

Martin Christopher of Audi says: "In Germany four-wheel-drive cars have always been sold on safety rather than performance. The British market tends to think of 4x4 as a high-performance derivative. The real benefit is safety, with improved traction in all weathers, especially taking off from a busy junction and

The typical Audi 4x4 buyer is also more than usually interested in the technology in his vehicle, Mr Christopher says. "Our research

Tour-wheel-drive vehicles used shows the average driver to be a bit to be seen only on farmyard of a technocrat, who prizes the technology that goes into the vehi-cle as well as the safer driving.

The range of 4x4 executive cars now on offer is as wide as it is baffling. Audi's original Quattro coupé set the benchmark against which four-wheel-drive motoring has since been measured. The new 80 range includes the two-litre 16-valve Quattro (£19,700) and the beefier 2.8E Quattro (£21,495). There is all-corner power too in the 100 series, with the 2.3E Quattro (£21,275) and 2.8E (£25,876), with the flagship Audi V8 (£43.500) rounding off the range.
While the 80 and 100 series

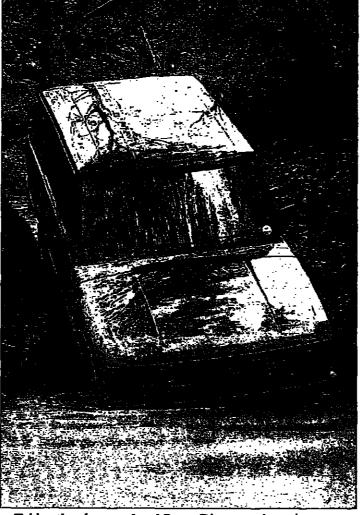
might suit senior executives, the chairman of the board might go for the V8. Its massive four-litre engine is capable of 155 mph, but it seems to try too hard to be all things to all people. Its size loses it the Audi sporting edge without compensatng with prestige or stature.

Ford's four-wheel-drive offerings start with its 4x4 Sierra, rising to a 4x4 2.9 Ghia Granada, with the sporty RS Cosworth four-wheeldrive as well. These cars are relatively cheap — £17,000 for the two-litre Sierra, £20,500 for the RS Cosworth Sierra Sapphire and £23,000 for the Ghia Granada.

The drawback, in a sector where status is all, is that the blue Ford badge might not sit too prestigiously in the executive car park next to all those BMW badges. Moreover, the aged Sierra design is due for replacement next year.

Nevertheless, Ford's rally-driven 4x4 systems master any road surface, and the RS Cosworth, with 220 bhp and a top speed of 144 mph, will leave cars twice as expensive without a wheel to stand on. For sheer performance per pound, it is hard to beat.

If speed is a priority, one of the few cars to challenge Ford's Cosworth is Lancia's Delta HF



Taking the plunge: a Land-Rover Discovery shows its paces

Integrale. This too is a car with a rally-proven heritage. Its drawbacks are that it comes only in lefthand drive and is imported in small numbers, making availability

However, for sheer driving thrills it is almost impossible to lose in the wet and matches a Porsche Carrera 4 in performance, with a top speed of 134 mph and phenomenal ac-celeration. The asking price is £23.200 for executives who want a little more on the drive from A to B. Where the Cosworth and Lancia are supreme examples of how 4x4 drive can benefit with greater traction on the flat. Land-Rover's

Discovery shows 4x4 at its best off

So important has this sector of the executive car market become that Land-Rover has now produced a Discovery model specifically aimed at beating the Inland Revenue's £19.250 company car tax

threshold.

The Discovery TDi five door.
unashamedly priced at £19,249, is
powered by a 2.5-litre turbocharged diesel.

John Russell. Land-Rover's commercial director, says: "Many types of business users need a dualpurpose vehicle. These people want something that can tackle one in two muddy slopes and can cruise happily on a motorway."

VAUGHAN FREEMAN | but unnecessary accidents.

No longer seen as smelly and noisy, diesel-powered cars have gained an environment-friendly image

Cleaner fuel for a greener conscience

LIKE finding that your neighbour on an airliner has paid less than half the price you paid for your ticket, it can be galling to be overtaken by a car similar to your own with the letter "D" attached to the chrome badge on the boot.

David Young writes.

That one letter tells you that the driver in front is travelling just as quickly and just as comfortably as you are at considerably less cost. It shows that the fleet manager of the company that owns the vehicle has done his sums and that the driver has sensibly ignored past prejudices and chosen the diesel option. As well as saving money many companies are also using their choice of diesel cars to illustrate

their "green" credentials. Diesel cars have taken a larger share of a new car market that has shrunk by a third since 1990. Their market share has more than doubled in the past five years and sales have climbed steadily.

The increased range of diesel cars on offer has played an important part in this, with upmarket models designed to appeal to the executive user and the fleet manager. However, in surveys drivers say that the reasons for choosing the diesel option are cost and concern for the environment and the view that existing financial advantages should increase over

the next few years. Diesel is already about 6p a litre cheaper than leaded petrol, and 1.5p a litre cheaper than unleaded, although the price of diesel moves closer to that of unleaded in winter, when demand for diesel as a heating fuel rises.

With the European Community moving towards standardisation of duty, which could be introduced as early as 1993, diesel prices could fall by as much as 6.5p a litre next

In addition, from January 1993. new petrol-engined vehicles must be fitted with catalytic converters to cut toxic emissions. This will reduce performance and efficiency and narrow the gap in performance between diesel and petroldriven vehicles. As diesel sales increase, the price

advantage of scale of production may drift towards diesels, which are already more reliable, lose less value through depreciation, and are more economical on fuel. At present, annual running costs

for a car driven 10.000 miles a year are estimated by the Automobile Association to be £3,565 for a diesel with an engine smaller than 2.000cc. £2.815 for a petrol-driven car under 1000cc and £4.320 for a petrol car under 2,000cc. These figures do not include the cost of financing the purchase of the car

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and ignore the fact that recent experience at auctions has shown that diesel cars sell more easily and depreciate less rapidly.

With Citroen and Vauxhall listing some diesel models at the same price as petrol versions, the sums may swing even further in the diesel's favour.

A survey by BRS Car Lease of 1,000 drivers found that relatively well-paid professionals over 40 who are not too worned about their image are happy to choose the diesel option.

Significantly, a third of them regularly took their cars abroad. where the lower diesel fuel prices

attraction. However, there are many who

have still to be converted to diesel motoring. Research by Shell found that 85 per cent still think that diesels are noisy, 70 per cent think they are smoky and 64 per cent think they are smelly. Jim Slavin, director and general

on the Continent are an added

manager of Shell Retail, says: "Some diesels contain additives and detergents which have vastly improved the fuel. Cetane improvers give more complete combustion, reducing engine noise. Shell Advanced Diesel also produces 25 per cent less white smoke and 8 per cent less black smoke than diesels without detergents, and deodorants have improved the

assets ingly switching to other methods of financing to avoid locking up large

Contract hire fuses all these

With contract hire, finance is

monthly rental the company-car only separate outlays.

Crucially, it is the contract hire

In 1991, for instance, BVRLA



and suppliers used by the contract

Contract purchase is the fastest growing financing method. It is relatively new, yet already accounts for nearly 5 per cent of the market. It is essentially a hybrid between hire-purchase financing and all the services included in a contracthire arrangement.

How the Inland Revenue is likely to react to such arrangements needs to be weighed. With hire purchase, although the car user does not own a vehicle until the end of the hire period, the tax system treats the car user as the owner. Like the business which buys a car outright, the hirepurchase buyer has the advantage of being able to claim capital

In both these situations the vehicle is logged on the company's balance sheet and not off it as happens with contract hire.

In a survey being prepared by the Finance and Leasing Associ-ation, its members in the instalment-credit and leasing sectors do not expect much expansion in the market over the next three months. even though the uncertainties of the general election are now over.

However, John Brown, chairman of the association's motor finance group, believes that pentup demand will start to come through, "Replacement of many fleets has been delayed to the point where new vehicles simply must be acquired before long. Operators have lengthened the term of their agreements but have got to the stage where they cannot continue to do so."

The growth in contract hire has also been noted by Len Clayton. managing director of Swan National Leasing, part of TSB-owned Swan National, one of the big four

in car renting.
In the final quarter of last year. Swan National Leasing saw an 11.5 per cent rise in demand for new cars while February and March this year saw increases of 11 per cent and 13 per cent

respectively. Mr Clayton says: "The recession has forced businesses to re-examine the way in which they finance their corporate flects. Many companies have realised the unnecessary expense caused by purchasing and maintaining their own vehicle

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The carphone is only the beginning of in-car communications, Ken Young reports

Desk on the dashboard

work extensively from their cars, there is a growing number of products that allow the essence, if not the atmosphere, of the office to be transferred to the car.

Cellular telephones are by far the most popular in-car business tool. There are more than a million business users of cellular telephony in the United Kingdom, each spending about £1,000 a year in monthly charges (£25) and call charges (£700).

Cellnet last week announced it is to launch a lower cost service for householders and other smaller users by the end of the year to preempt the introduction next year of personal communications net-

works (PCNs). This service is likely to halve the present fixed charges of £25 a month and £50 for connection. After seven years

three years mobile services of business the netare expected to work operators Cellnet and Vodafone have 95 quadruple per cent coverage of

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the United Kingdom by population and suffer fewer complaints over congestion and call quality than in the early days, when they could not keep up with their own staggering growth.

Standard carphones cost about £250 including installation and come with "hands-free" as standard now that the dangers of using a handset while on the move are fully appreciated. Car kits, which allow a portable cellphone to be fitted into the car when needed, are increasingly popular. An example is the Panasonic F2, which costs £250 plus £400 for the car kit.

At the top end of the market there is often concern that the installation of the phone or car kit should not clash with the interior design of the car. Some manufacturers, notably Range Rover and Mercedes, provide conversion kits themselves, but many do not. Carphone dealers charge between £200 and £500 for such tailor-made conversions.

But what if you cannot get to your carphone when someone is calling? About 15 per cent of cellular users now use automatic messaging to

Messages can be retrieved when required and are charged by duration, adding about 15 per cent to the yearly bill. Call transfer to another phone or even to a paging service is also available.

Over the next three years the choice of mobile services is expected to quadruple as pan-European digital services, known as GSM (Global Systems for Mobile Communications), nationwide digital services and PCNs are launched.

Attention is now focusing on GSM, which will become available in Britain and some other European countries during the next 12 months. The most important benefit will be the ability to use the phone in any of the countries

offering GSM with a high quality digi-tal service. But GSM is not expectnificant interest in Britain for some time, partly because only about 10 per cent of cellular users between roam countries and also hecause GSM

phones will be four to five times more expensive than those now in use on analogue networks.

The GSM debate is likely to heat up in a year's time, when both Cellnet and Vodafone will be offering a service, although Vodafone expects to have 6,000 users on its recently launched GSM service, covering the southeast, by the end of this financial year. Meanwhile most dealers are far from enthusiastic. "We advise users to wait. The coverage just is not adequate yet," says Charles Dunstone, the managing director of London-based Carphone

and notebook computers, there is increased demand to use such tools on the move. There are an estimated 6,000 vehicles in Britain equipped for sending and receiving faxes or computer data, at least twothirds using cellular connections. Most of these are specific applications, such as taxi companies running customer queuing systems

and delivery firms relaying custom-

With the growing use of portable



Head start: mobile phone services are becoming cheaper and more versatile

er delivery information to vans. To create the mobile office in the executive car it is necessary to spend about £600 for an interface to connect a fax or laptop computer to a cellular phone. Cheaper alternatives are available from public mobile data network operators such as Hutchison, RAM. Cognito and Paknet, but these are data-only services and are of most interest for specific business applications.

Some in the computer industry are hoping that drivers will wait until next year, when a number of companies expect to launch "notepad" computers that can link into mobile networks. Last month Apple unveiled its version, the Newton, which it developed with Sharp. The company says that the system. Despite the obvious attrac-

pocket-sized unit will be suitable for in-car use because it will link with cellular or mobile data networks without the need for extra inter-

The Newton will be used as an electronic personal organiser but could also offer links into the company computer or databases offering a range of real-time information such as stock exchange updates. For navigation purposes the Newton will accept credit cardsized memory cards offering route planning in selected areas. Apple expects to be selling the Newton from the beginning of next year for

Perhaps no mobile office is complete without a TV and video

tion for long journeys. Lee Alu. managing director of the Londonbased dealer Comtel, says it is a very small market. "In-car TV and video has not really taken off because the equipment is too large and complex and costs are high." A complete TV and video system costs about £3,500. including installation. Manufacturers such as Blaupunkt. Panasonic and Sharp are expected to launch smaller, simpler products this year that could open up the market beyond the 200 or so installations to date.

The mobile office is in truth something of a rarity, but mobile phones and increasingly mobile data links are gradually being seen as essential for the executive car

An affair for the security services

Thieves will

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in southeast London suspected his wife of having an affair. She was supposedly driving to the station and eathing the train into town, yet the car milage she was recording was far in excess of what it should have been.

Secretly, the man followed her. Sure enough, she parked in the station car park and headed into the station. Hardly had the train numbled off down the line than a complete stranger opened the locked car door and drove off.

The stranger turned out to be a driver for the car-hire company operating from the station. His employers thought the car was his. It had a central locking device. making it easy for thieves to break into, and because the car was always parked at the same spot all day every weekday, the stranger knew he had the use of the ear for several hours each day. This is Car Crime Prevention Year, although it

might not be readily noticeable. A car is stolen every two minutes in Britain. The number of vehides taken away rose by a quarter in 1991 and vehicle

crime is costing \$1.2

theft device billion a vear. Fighting car crime is a constant battle of wits as security devices ther cannot recognise the signabecome more sophisticated and so

do the thieves. The Home Office launched a £5 million advertising campaign depicting thieves as hyenas in an effort to raise public awareness, and is conducting talks with other European countries to formulate an international standard for cur

The insurance industry has begun to penalise motorists who fail to lock their vehicles or put them in a garage at night and are encouraging the use of devices such as alarms that come up to international standards. However, in the last resort the onus rests heavily on the individual car owner. British Telecom has a device that

rings up the car owner and warns him the car is being tampered with. The driver taps in a code and a telephone number where he can be reached, such as his home or office. If anyone attempts to start the ignition while the car is parked or tries to use the portable telephone to dial any other number, the watch-

Tonsumed by jealousy, a man - dog device draft the programmed number to alert the owner.

Fleet owners with several vehiles on their premises overnight an protect them with the Automater system from PAS Technolog a Manchester designer and maufacturer of security devices A warning device is dipped to he steering wheel of each vehicle. The vehicle is tampered with, evenf a vandal merely scrapes downthe side of the car or attempts to rise off a hubcap, a radio signi is transmitted to a central compter that switches on floodlights nd broadcasts a warning.

Manufacturers are trying to build more safety devices into ars but the thieves also have their wn One popular method of lockig a

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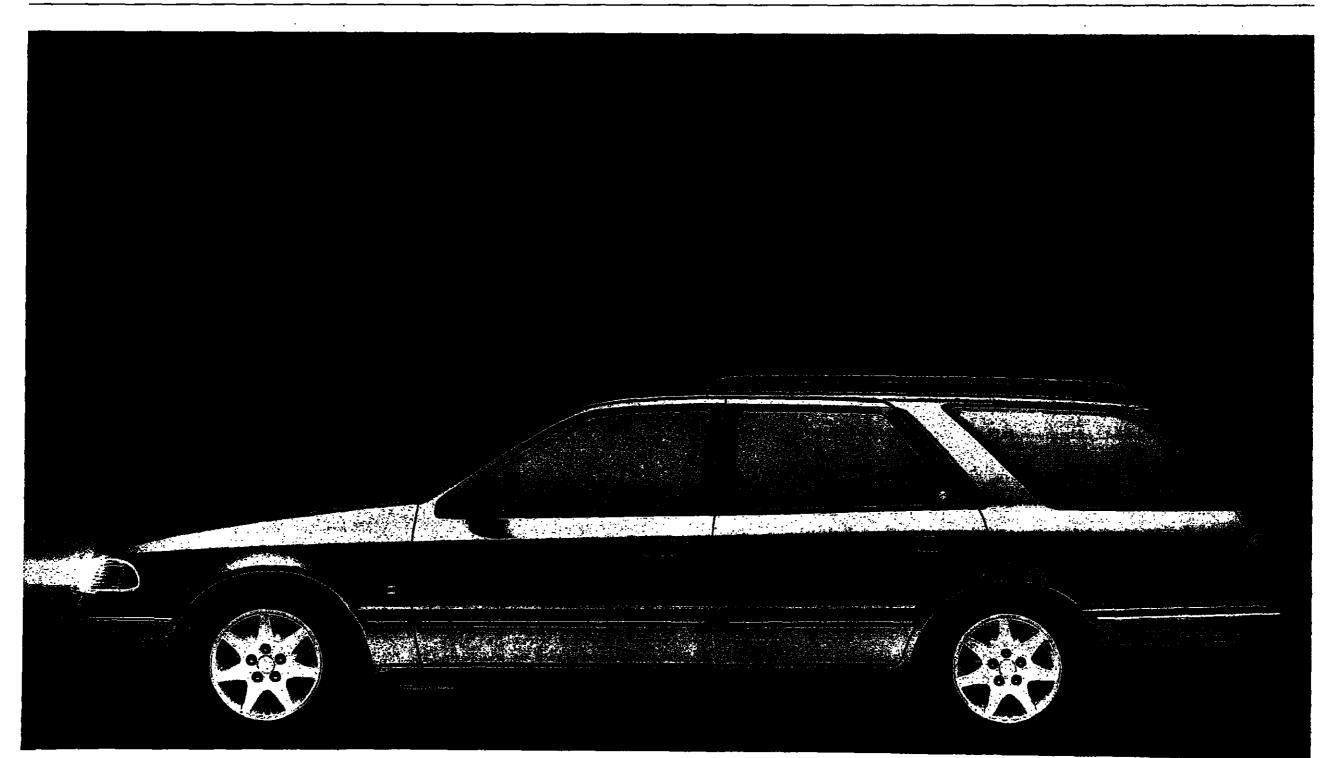
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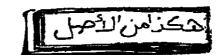
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CRACKED TRIALS 33

Justice in the front room

large audiences would watch TV overage of trials. James Morton boks at the practice in the United States and assesses its effect

allowed into courtrooms in Britain, the forthcoming trial of the Maxwells wuld be certain to pull a huge ariience. In the United Sites, the trial would also mke top viewing — but it would be only the latest in a life of high-profile trials to be taten into sitting rooms. These trials are breeding a niw strain of couch potato.

The species does not have a name yet but it watches the Curt Television Network just asit used to be hooked on the bseball and hockey. "I get off wirk at 2pm and I watch in the afternoon and I tape the glod parts for my husband," ole woman told the New York Times. She was referring to the Ridney King trial, which at-tricted a viewing audience of 23,000 for the first day of the ilence evidence.

The week after Easter was pecially good viewing. There ws the King trial shown live to cities across the US, and wen that was not on there wre re-runs of the sentencing if the Charles Keating bond friud trial and the parole haring of one of the Manson hildren", Susan Atkins. Court Television Network, a ple service paid for by speciption and small legal

alvertisements, is the brain-cild of Steve Brill, of Ameri-

original aim of the then smallscale operation was to go on the air with the New York Central Park Jogger "wilding" case, but cameras were

banned from the courtroom because they were thought to be detrimental to the youths on trial. This was to be a oneoff pilot but when permission was refused, the team, less than ten-strong, decided to regroup and go on the tubes permanently.
At first, suitable trials were

found in a fairly unsophisticated way. One person made telephone calls to see which, if any, a particular state would allow. It might be only civil work or criminal appeals rather than a full trial. Eventually paralegals were recruited to keep abreast of the various state rulings and to do

Another problem was the image. "Steve did not want it to be all torsos and incest." says one former member of staff. "We had to look for civil trials with the problem that they could be very long and boring. Mr Brill thought there could be educative values showing what really happens compared with Perry Mason and LA Law.

"We try to convey as much of the trial as possible without boring the viewer into switch-



ing off. That is the major problem with civil trials." At present no criminal federal trials are open to the television cameras. "When those open up that will be great." says the former staff man. "These are the mobster trials. They are big names but they are also more interesting legally." The trials have law yers giving expert opinion as the witnesses come and go. and commenting on defence and prosecution strategy. When the court is in recess colour pieces are used, including interviews with the prosecutor or defence lawyer or

The former staff man says: The aim is to make the viewer feel he knows more about what is going on than the juror. The camera can run when the juror is out of court." The intention is to be educative but there is an acceptance that "you have to show trials people want to watch".

you are going to have to cater to a prurient interest. I am not sure that is always bad. We said we would never cover the Zsa Zsa Gabor trial but I am not sure that that

of the fears is that television in the courtroom will adversely affect the behaviour of the advocates and witnesses, let alone the jury. "I was terrified the first couple of times television was in my court," says Judge Marsha Yeatman, from Boulder, Colorado. "Now I regard having it there as entirely natural."

It certainly shows up the advocates' quality. "It may have destroyed the career of the prosecutor in the Kennedy Smith trial," says a former Court Television worker.

Al Alschuler, Wilson-Dickinson Professor of Law at Chicago University, favours televising trials. "Obviously, there are dangers in the intrusion on the privacy of litigants and witnesses," he says. "It can encourage grandstanding by judges and lawyers but I will say, looking at Court Television, those dangers seem to have materialised to a far lesser extent than I would have visualised.

"In news programmes you get 30 seconds of selected evidence and an artist's impression of the defendant. With Court Television the viewer gets a rounded whole picture. It is less prejudicial than media coverage in the

● The author is the editor of New

A long goodbye to the sole practitioner?

PATRICK

AS THE legal profession counts the cost of compensating victims of solicitors' dishonesty, there are signs that solicitor sole practitioners may be on their way out. The writing is not so much on the wall but in a Law Society document issued to all solicitors entitled "The cost of default, a consultative paper". It asks the profession for its view on sole practice and whether there should be restrictions on it.

This follows the announcement that every solicitor partner will have to pay £945 to the compensation fund this autumn to cover the cost of dishonesty by solicitors who are mainly sole practitioners. Sole practitioners have tabled a resolution for the Law Society's annual meeting calling for it to be recognised "that a sole practitioner has a valuable contribution to make to the profession ..." The profession is likely to want a valuable contribution in the form of a lot of extra cash from sole practitioners to cover the cost of their

The statistics in the consultation paper make grim read-ing. The Law Society estimates that the profession will have to pay out £20 million in 1992 in compensation for missing client account money. Ten years ago the figure was less than El million. A table showing the breakdown of payments be-tween sole practitioners and other solicitors make it clear where the responsibility lies. The Law Society calculates that although only one solici-tor in 1,000 defaults, 1.6 per cent of sole practitioners do

STEVENS Put another way, the sole practitioner is 16 times more ikely to default than the average solicitor.

The average for the profession, however, includes the sole practitioner, and if the default rates for sole practitioners and other solicitors are compared, the figures show that a sole practitioner is 87 times more likely to default than other solicitors.

These figures are distorted by the fact that many of the other solicitors do not handle other people's money and thus their scope for dishonesty is more limited. However, the overall picture is clear: sole practitioners are a bad risk. This is the view of some of the lending institutions that view sole practitioners as potential Robert Maxwells when it comes to handling other people's money. The Woolwich Building Society, for example, is refusing to let new sole practitioners

deal with its mortgages.
Until now the Law Society has always championed the cause of the sole practitioner but the tenor of the consultative paper suggests that the council of the Law Society accepts that something drastic must be done about those operating alone. Every-body in the profession knows that the vast honest, but sole practice offers such unparalleled opportunities to the dishonest as to make it positively dangerous.

The facility to give undertakings that can be used to raise money and to handle vast amounts of other people's money without supervision mean that the dishonest solicitor on his own has more scope than virtually anybody else for stealing on a large scale.

The consultation paper sets out various options for reducing the cost of defaults. Some of these options involve reducing the levels of compensation. These will surely not be followed as it will not impress clients to say to them, in effect: "We are such a dishonest lot nowadays that we cannot afford to compensate you fully if we steal

Such a move would only encourage the lending institutions to set up their own legal departments to deal with mortgages and inevitably conveyancing as

well. Very few practising solicitors will want this to happen. The most likely approach will be for sole practitioners to be audited more often and also for the system of contributions to the compensation fund to be altered so that sole practitioners pay a lot more in order to reflect the increased risk of this style of practice.

This will mean a considerable increase in the cost of sole practice. About 800 of the estimated 3.500 sole practitioners have gross fees of less than £15.000. Plainly, they will find it very difficult to survive if their cost of practising increases substantially. Many of these 800 low earners are women solicitors

working part-time from home. It is very difficult to assess whether their ceasing practice would lead to an overall reduction in the availability of legal services. Probably it will not. The majority of the 800 deal with property work and, as everybody knows, it is never difficult to find a solicitor to do conveyancing. Relatively few sole practitioners specialise in legal aid work and few of them are the only solicitors in rural areas. One real difficulty that it will cause is in making it difficult for employed solicitors to set up practice on their own.

Rather than simply go out of business, many sole practitioners will make shotgun marriages with others in the same position and form partnerships. Others who employ qualified staff will take them into partnership. Some of them will merge with existing partnerships.

However, the future for any who try to struggle along on their own will be bleak. Sole practitioners today are an endangered species with no Biodiversity Treaty to protect them and very few friends. • The author is a practising solicitor.

When public lives are private

Laws protect the

amous even if they are lmost public property

UNDON'S Royal Court Theatre last wek staged the British premiere of John Gare's Six Degrees of Separation, a povocative satire on New York's wellheled, right-thinking classes. The play was inspired partly by the real-life case of Livid Hampton, a young black man who filtrated such charmed circles claiming to be the son of the film actor Sidney Pitter and was eventually jailed for 20 nths for fraudulent deception. On release, Hampton found his

isposture had been transmuted by Mr Gare into a successful Broadway prodiction, and film rights sold. He turned to the courts, claiming Mr

Gare had violated his right of privacy nder the Civil Rights Law and his oformon law right of publicity. The judge imissed his privacy argument because failed to satisfy the "statutory test of intification" as Hampton's "image. prtrait or picture" had not been used. Te judge also dismissed the right of phlicity argument maintaining such a right is encompassed under the Civil Rents Law as an aspect of the right of pivacy and cannot be claimed as an dependent common-law right. Hampto is appealing against that judgment. The play's London opening raises questions about the law here, so-called isue of the "appropriation of person-alty" has been tackled in industry codes i cited in complaints to industry reulators but received little attention in English courts. A comparable action the UK would be hard unless it involved a separate question of passing copyright, moral rights or defamatin. Although there is no equivalent of US First Amendment, as used by Mr Clare in his defence. English law has abwed writers to use real personalities ati events as points of departure for thir work and there is an honourable adition, dating back to Shakespeare



Impostor on stage: US case failed

and the Greeks, of writers borrowing from past and present to add to the mix

of fictional characters and situations. The Advertising Standards Authority's code of practice decrees that advertisements "should not portray or refer to any living persons in whatever form or by whatever means unless their express prior permission has been obtained". There are exceptions, notably when "the advertisement contains nothing which is inconsistent, or likely to be seen as inconsistent, with the position of the person to whom reference is made, and when it does not abrogate his right to enjoy a reasonable degree of privacy". The authority recently upheld a com-plaint by the footballer Paul Gascoigne on the ground that an advertisement for employee medical insurance using a

press cutting featuring his photograph could adversely affect his ability to exploit his own name or image and had infringed his right to control the use of his name or image. Although the code allows for a robust

treatment of public figures in advertisements, it considered that Arthur Scargill, the miners' union president, whose photograph was used to promote a deodorant when he was under public scrutiny over handling of union funds, had been the victim of "gratuitous" and "distasteful" treatment.

The notion of a right of personality has been raised in the courts over the years, largely in judges' comments.

People are reluctant to pursue issue, however, mainly because of Lord Justice Greer's clear judgment in the 1930 case of Tolley v Fry. He said: "Some men and women voluntarily enter professions which by their nature invite publicity and public approval or disapproval. It is not unreasonable in their case that they should submit without complaint to their names and occupations and reputations being treated ... almost as public property".

There have been unsuccessful at-

tempts since then to argue passing off. The main obstacle has been the "common field of activity" doctrine established by the 1948 case of McCulloch May, involving use of the name "Uncle Mac", based on an assumption that where two traders are operating in different fields it is inherently less likely that there will be confusion that causes damage. The doctrine has now effectively been discarded and an action succeeded recently in a case involving character merchandising rights in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Writers and broadcasters rummaging through the supermarket of true-life stories need to be more aware of a potential legal price to pay at the checkout. Using personalities may not be such a bargain after all.

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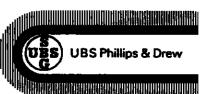
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Fraud flaws

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the regime for handling oplex fraud, created by the Ominal Justice Act 1987, ws "fatally flawed' because it laked "real teeth", he said, ging the Child & Co annual ture last week. The courts hai no power to ensure cases wre speedily dealt with, nor quate sanctions to require thidefence to disclose its hand bepre trial, he said. The juge, whose remarks come as the Royal Commission on Ciminal Justice is considerpre-trial defence disclosue said there should be toigher sanctions or incen-

tres to ensure disclosure. egislation was also needed toillow the judge to share this information with the jury from thistart of the trial and not, as nov, only if the defence consens, he said. He suggested a kimum limit for a fraud of four months and

greater intervention by judges to curb indulgent cross-examination by counsel.

Trouser rights

NEW Zealand's Bill of Rights gained in 1990 was recently tested by two schoolgirls who successfully argued that their

school acted in breach by insisting that they wear skirts and banning trousers. They based their case on the Bill's right to freedom of expression and its prohibition of gender discrimination. The Human Rights Commission dismissed the school's view that the claim was trivial, frivolous and vexatious and recommended that all schools consider adopting

"gender-neutral" uniforms. In the UK, the Children's Legal Centre says some education authorities have considered the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act and warned schools against uniform rules based on gender assumptions.

Hong Kong haste THE Hong Kong legal profession is increasingly concerned about proposals for its Court of Final Appeal, which will take over from the Privy Council as the court of last resort when the colony is handed over in 1997. Simon Ip. the legislative councillor representing the legal profes-sion in the Hong Kong parliament, saw Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and Chris Patten, the

new governor, last week. The profession's main worry is the agreement reached by the UK and Chinese governments that the court should be set up in 1993, earlier than the hand-over, and that only one of its five judges should be from overseas. This appears to go against the the Joint Declaration and Basic Law, which

will underpin Hong Kong after 1997 and allows the new court unfettered discretion to co-opt outside judges as de-sired. "If the price for setting up the court in 1993 is the limit on overseas judges, then it is a price we do not wish to pay," Mr Ip said. There is also concern over recruiting to find judges of sufficient calibre to man the court by 1993. Six judges are already retiring, so with the four in the new Court of Appeal, the Hong Kong Bar, which numbers only 400. would have to find ten judges. As the calibre of judges in the court will be the ultimate bulwark and protection for individual freedoms after 1997, the court's creation court must not be rushed. The autumn agreement for 1993 does not appear to be binding. All eyes are now on Mr Patten and the Chinese to say they will delay the court until 1997.

SCRIVENOR

 Ian Young, of Young & Lee, points out that he did not say the reluctance of Birmingham magistrates to transfer complex public family law cases causes delays in heavilge children's area. hearing children's cases (Law Times, June 9). He said that where JPs fail to transfer complex cases, delays do occur because of applications by the parties to a district judge for an order to transfer these

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How to mend cracked trials

Indecision and delay over a plea wastes much

time and money, argues Robert

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any a guilty defendant goes to court unconvinced that a plea of guilty will make much difference to his sentence. He may not know the statistics (58 per cent of those who pleaded not guilty were acquitted in 1991) but he probably has a shrewd idea that he has a good chance of acquittal before a jury even if the evidence looks strong on

paper.
Or he might say: "I will at least delay a decision on how to plead until the last possible moment." That may enable him able to remain free on bail or, if in custody, to enjoy privileges as an uncon-victed prisoner, such as increased visiting, correspondence, cigarettes and changes of dothing while he

These perceptions bedevil the efficient use of crown court re-sources. On the one hand, offenders are inclined to chance their luck before a jury. The public pays for this expensive exercise. On the other hand, there is the phenomenon of the "cracked trial". Judge, jurors, lawyers, police and witnesses attend crown court for a case that has been listed for trial only to find that the defendant decides to plead guilty "at the door of the court". In some crown courts the per-

centage of trials that "crack" run as high as 40 per cent. The waste of resources is enormous. Substantial costs are incurred; precious court time is lost; the efficient listing of cases is disrupted; and then there are the frustration and needless inconvenience for witnesses and jurors. Jurors have spent days or even a week or more at court without ever trying a case. What is to be done to overcome

these problems? The rises in the demand-led legal aid bill in recent years cannot be ignored. Gross legal aid spending was up by a third last year. If the availability of legal aid is to be maintained, and hopes for extension of legal aid eligibility realised. the available funds must be effectively deployed.

Last week a Bar working party. which I chaired, produced its report, "The Efficient Disposal of Business in the Crown Court". There are no simple solutions but we have made a range of proposals for a more disciplined and concerted pre-trial regimen that we believe could make a significant contribution towards better use of resources.

One of those proposals is for a system of plea bargaining. The guilty defendant is primarily concerned with what is going to happen to him. If he could know what sentence would be imposed if he pleaded guilty he might well decide to do so. Moreover, if he knew that the earlier he pleaded guilty the greater the discount on his sentence, he would have a powerful incentive to plead guilty long before trial.

If a breakthrough is to made

here, there need to be decisive changes in judicial policy. The Court of Appeal has strongly disapproved of judges telling a defendant what his sentence would be if he were to plead guilty. There has been understandable concern that a defendant should not be subjected to improper pressure to plead Among criminal practitioners.



INDECISIVENESS.

Gareth Williams, QC, the chairman of the Bar, left, looks on as Robert Seabrook, QC, presents his Crown Court business report

however, there is an almost universal belief that this approach is counter-productive and has been allowed to prevail at enormous cost. Is it not absurd that a guilty defendant who would plead guilty if he knew what sentence the judge had in mind should incur the cost of a trial simply because the trial judge is inhibited from telling him what the sentence would be?

Plea bargaining is almost a way of life in the United States. Provided suitable warnings were given to a defendant that he should not plead guilty unless he accepts his guilt, and provided the proceedings were conducted in the presence of the defendant, in closed session, and were recorded, there is, I suggest, no reason to think that a carefully devised system of plea bargaining would not command public confidence in England and

A change in judicial policy could have a significant effect on crown court efficiency in another area. Although a defendant should be given credit for a guilty plea there is, rightly or wrongly, a degree of cynicism about how this operates in practice. It is felt that judges too often pay lip service to it. If a guilty

defendant understood that he might pay a substantial price for delaying disclosure of his intended plea it would concentrate the mind. The saving of public expenditure is every bit as legitimate mitigation as remorse and contrition.

The Court of Appeal should be invited to consider implementing a much more vigorous policy on credit for pleas of guilty, either by reducing custodial sentence lengths or by passing some alternative sentence to custody.

The earlier the guilty plea is indicated the greater the credit should be, with a minimum discount of 30 per cent off a custodial sentence where a plea of guilty has been indicated on committal in all but exceptional cases. A judge should also have to state, when sentencing, what his sentence would have been but for the guilty

Under a clear-cut policy of credit for guilty pleas, defendants would be left in no doubt as to the possible consequences of delay: lawyers would have a duty to advise clients of those consequences; and that advice would be given with authority and confidence, and be more effective for that. The author is a practising QC.

A whole world of a difference

The benefits of international groupings

he launch earlier this month of the new Institute for Lawyers in Europe showed once again the insatiable hunger among lawyers for foreign contacts. To retain their clients even small company and commercial firms must have international credibility.

Consequently, we see a relatively small outfit such as Goodman Derrick, which rates number 325 in the Legal 500, has just joined a European Economic Interest Group (EEIG) and thereby lifted itself into the same category, for example, as the much larger Simmons & Simmons.

There are, however, considerable difficulties in building relationships, not least because small firms

are unlikely to carry great weight when trying to tie in with reputable firms overseas. The result is the growing pop-ularity of the loose international associations of lawyers such as Lex Mundi and Mackrell International. Lex Mundi was set up in Texas three years ago. The membership is already worldwide but it deliberately excludes

Michael Slorick: chairman

the largest legal centres of London and New York. Glasgow-based Bird Semple Fife Ireland is the UK member and, according to one partner. Walter Semple, the secretary to Lex Mundi, membership has enhanced the firm's reputation because it shows clients a European dimension that other firms in Glasgow lack. "I have no doubts at all that membership of Lex Mundi has been a great asset to us in winning overseas work," Mr Semple says.

Meanwhile, Mackrell Interna-tional, founded by the London firm Mackrell Turner Garrett, continues to go from strength to strength. At its recent annual meeting a further four firms were admitted to its membership of 40 lawyers in 35 countries. Mackrell International is intend-

ed specifically for smaller to medium-sized firms. All its members are involved in international work.

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"If you know the lawyer person...lly then you are much more likely to trust them with a transaction," says Michael Slorick, the chairman of the association. "By meeting people year after year you build relationships that can work to the benefit of your clients.

Although German speakers made up the largest single linguis-tic group at the recent annual meeting. Mr Slorick believes overseas lawyers positively welcome coordination from England.

"There is still recognition that the English will run things in an honest way and be governed in a sense of fair play." he says "In add: tion, they value that we are based in one of the leading legal and financial certres in the world. It means that we have access to international expertise that may not be avail-able to them." The real dynamic within the organisation

from the networking between individual members. As well as cooperating on legal matters they also act as a "marriage bure.m" in bringing clients together for joint ventures. Already UK clients, for example, are being linked with investment opportunities in central Europe via the association. Bureaucracy is kept to a mini-

mum. A recent move to record the number of inter-association referrals was defeated because it involved too much paperwork. There are considerable expenses

involved in coming to conferences and membership fees and so if it is not producing results then people will vote with their feet and leave." says Mr Slorick, "In the long-term it would be nice to think that we might evolve into a global law firm. But for the time being individual firms just feel stronger in international work because they are part of

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Before Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Scott [Judgment May 22]

A smety for two companies who were principal debtors of the Bank of Credit and Commerce Inter-national SA could use the set-off effect of rule 4.90 of the Insolvency Rules (ST 1986 No 1925), to reduce the debt which the surety and the companies owed BCCI by the amount standing to the credit of the surety in his deposit account with BCCI at the date BCCI went

The Court of Appeal held allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, MS Pashions Ltd, MS Fashions (Wholesale) Ltd and Mohammed Sawar, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Millett of their application for leave to commence certain proceedings under section 130(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 against, inter alia, the first defendants,

The corporate plaintiffs had been customers of BCCI since 1980 and had been afforded borrowing and overdraft satisfies.

Mr Sawar had on deposit with

BCCI a sum of £300,000. By a

letter of charge dated December 9. 1985 he charged the sums stand-ing to his credit with BCCI with payment of the debts of the two corporate plaintiffs to BCCL. On July 5, 1991 a provisional winding-up order was made against BCCI and in November

BCCI made demand from all three plaintiffs for payment of the debts

of the two corporate plaintiffs which amounted to £600,000. The proceedings against BCCI for which the plaintiffs sought leave was a declaration that the amount of the debt which they owed BCCI, had been reduced by the operation of rule 4.90 of the insolvency Rules 1986 to the

BCCI went into liquidation.
Rule 4.90 provides: "(1) This rule applies where, before the company goes into liquidation there have been mutual credits, mutual debts or other mutual dealings between the company and any other creditor of the company proving or claiming to prove for a debt in the liquidation. "(2) An account shall be taken of

what is due from each party to the other in respect of the munual dealings, and the sums due from one party shall be set off against the sums due from the other." Mr Michael Driscoll, QC and Mr Francis Tregear for the plain-tiffs; Mr Martin Pascoe for BCCI: Mr David Marks for the admin-

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT said that it was well known that BCCI was heavily insolvent and that those to whom BCCI owed money. particularly its depositors, could only expect a dividend.

His Lordship's understanding of the operation of rule 4.90 was that the set-off operated at the date of the winding-up so as to leave the net amount claimable by the company in liquidation from the other party or, as the case might be, provable as a debt in the liqui-dation by the other party.

The contention put forward by

BCCI was that it was not open to the companies to take advantage of the set-off effect produced by rule 4.90 as between BCCI and Mr Sawar. It was not disputed that the effect of the rule as between BCCI extent of the sum standing to the credit of Mr Sawar in his deposit account with BCCI at the date and Mr Sawar was to reduce Mr Sawar's indebtedness to BCCI by the amount standing to his credit in the deposit account.

But it was said that, nonetheless, the two companies remained in-debted to BCCI in the full amount. If that was so, BCCI was entitled to claim the full amount of £600,000 from the companies and then become accountable to Mr Sawar for the £300,000 on deposit which would not in that event be resorted to. But Mr Sawar's recovery in respect of that sum would be limited to the dividends payable in

That view attracted the judge who said that set-off operated by way of defence only and was not to be equated with payment. His Lordship accepted that it was correct that the release of a surety did not discharge a payment. did not discharge a principal debtor. Nothing but payment did that, and that BCCI could, if it wished release the guarantee and still enforce its security against the

ompanies. But that did not seem to his Lordship to be the point raised by the facts of the present case. It was plain enough that payment by the surety, whether in whole or in part, not only released the surety but also discharged or reduced the The set-off effect of rule 4.90 in reducing Mr Sawar's liability to BCCI from £600,000 to £300,000 corresponded, in his Lordship's opinion, to the payment of a

corresponding amount made by Mr Sawar to BCC1. If that was the right analysis then the operation of the set-off reduced to £300,000 the debt for which both principal debtors and the surety. Mr Sawar, were liable to BCCL

His Lordship did not see how rule 4.90 could properly operate unless it operated in reduction of the debt owing to BCCI for which at the date of the liquidation the principal debtors and the sureties were all liable. If it did so operate then all that was the fee BCCI for then all that was left for BCCI to obtain, whether against the prin-cipal debtors or the sureties, was the balance of the original debt.
Lord Justice Woolf delivered a

concurring judgment. Solicitors: Zaiwalla & Co; Lovell White Durrant; Dibb Lupton Broomhead & Prior. Commissioners of Customs and Excise v L. Rowland & Company (Retail) Ltd

limit within which the Commis-sioners of Customs and Excise had taxpayer of the enquiry and receiv

Mr Justice Auld so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal brought by the commis-sioners under section 13(4) of the Tribumals and Inquiries Act 1971 and the Tribunal and Inquiries (Value Added Tax Tribunals)

require a report by both would lead

One report enough

In re S (a Minor) Where a guardian ad litem appearing before a family proceedings court had prepared a report for the court concerning the child.

it was inappropriate to direct the making of another report in the case by the court welfare officer. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) so stated on June 15 in allowing an appeal by the guard-ian ad litem from an order of Mr

Order (SI 1972 No 1210) against the decision of a VAT tribunal, chaired by Mr A. Hilton, on March 4, 1991 allowing an appeal by L. Rowland & Company (Retail) Ltd against a decision of the commissioners now to make a Before Mr Justice Auki [Judgment June 10] The "reasonable enquiry" during which time stopped in the 30-day repayment supplement under sec-tion 20 of the Finance Act 1985 in respect of a repayment of VAT for

to repay value-added tax without a 5 per cent supplement, after a validly claimed repayment was received, was limited to the time between the inspector notifying the ing a complete answer to it and was not extended to include the time of the raising of the enquiry by the VAT central unit.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that the company operated a chain of chemist shops. Since its registration for VAT on April 2, 1989 it had been a regular "repayment trader", that is, its input tax and it had claimed, and the commissioners had made, a repayment of VAT on each of its monthly LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that although the

VAT on each of its monthly returns. Those monthly repayments had been substantial, mostly in the region of £100,000. functions of the court welfare officer and the guardian ad litem The return under consideration similar. Each had a duty to report to the court and to consider the was dated May 31, 1990 and was received in the local tax office on velfare of the child while doing so. June 4, and at the central unit on The report of either ought to be June 6. In it, the company claimed a repayment of £120,558.77 in given the same consideration by the court, even though the guard-ian also represented the child. To respect of its trading for April

On June 14, 1990 the commissioners selected that return for

the month of April 1990.

Section 20 of the Finance Act

1985, as substituted by section 20 of the Finance Act 1988, provides

"(3) ... in computing the period of thirty days ... there shall be left out

of account periods ... referable to — (a) the raising and answering of

any reasonable inquiry relating to

Mr Michael Kent for the commissioners: Mr Simon Thorp

MR JUSTICE AULD said that

the requisite return or claim...

for the company.

verification and on June 18 referred it to the local VAT office for enquiries to be made of the company.

Reasonable time for enquiry

On July 4. a senior officer at the local VAT office visued the com-pany and from the answers that the company's officer gave her, satisfied herself that the claimed repayment was valid. On July 5. she so reported in writing to the VAT central unit. The central unit received her report on July 6, and on July 9 authorised the

It had taken 34 days from receipt of the claim by the VAT central unit on June 6 to authorisation of repayment on July

The period of 30 days was important because, broadly speaking, the VAT legislation and subordinate legislation provided for the payment of a 5 per cent supplement to a trader if there was a delay of more than 30 days by the commissioners in making a validly

commissioners in making a validly claimed repayment.

His Lordship said "broadly speaking" because the precise terms of the relevant provisions were important, in particular as to the calculation of the 30-day period, which was what the appeal was about.

The company maintained that it was entitled to a 5 per cent supplement on the repaid tax because the commissioners took more that 30 days to deal with it.

more that 30 days to deal with it. The commissioners argued that no supplement was payable because suppernent was payment within 30 days properly calculated. If "reasonable enquiry" had the broad meaning contended for by

all their own internal investigative from start to finish, then, if the were not bound to complete the enquiry within a reasonable time, the taxpayer was at their mercy once they had stopped the clock by embarking upon it within the 30-

day period. If, on the other hand, the term had the narrower meaning con-tended for by the company. namely the putting by an officer of a question to the taxpayer and the giving by him or someone on his behalf to that or another officer of 2 complete answer, the question of reasonableness of the length of an enquiry did not arise. The taxpayer's protection lay in his own promptness in completely answering or arranging to have answered the questions put to him. He could control the length of time for which the clock was stopped.

the clock was stopped.

After a detailed analysis of section 20 of the 1985 Act. as substituted by section 20 of the 1988 Act, of regulations 2 and 58 of the Value Added Tax (Generall Regulations (S1 1985 No SS6) and regulations 4 and 5 of the Value Added Tax (Repayment Supplement) Regulations (S1 1988 No 1343), his Lordship concluded that the enquiry was raised on July that the enquiry was raised on July
4 when the VAT inspector visited
the company and was answered on
the same day when she received a
complete answer to the enquiry.
Accordingly his Lordship dismissed the commissioners' appeal.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Commis-sioners of Custom and Excise: Hyde Mahon Bridges for Keene & Kelly, Mold.

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Kite wants a place among the great champions



Mine at last: Kite shows off the US Open trophy after his win at Pebble Beach

TOM Kite has no intention of allowing his victory in the US Open here to satisfy his craving for the major championships. "It bugged the living daylights out of me that I hadn't won a major," he said. "But there's a set — isn't there? - and I would like the other three."

Kite can be forgiven such exuberance. For at the age of 42, and in his 21st year as a professional, he produced a fine performance to shed himself of the unwanted tag of "the best golfer in the world not to have won a major championship". He is entitled to dream, and few will tee up with more confidence at Muirfield next month.

Kite has won \$7,439,440 on the US Tour - more than any other player - and 17 titles. Even so, there has always been a streak of vulnerability about his play. espe-. cially in the majors.

He led the Open field approaching the last nine holes at Royal St George's in 1985 but fell back. He led the Masters in 1984 but sank without trace after his tee shot found the water at the 12th. He missed from 12 feet to tie with Jack Nicklaus at Augusta in 1986. And he let slip a three-shot lead in the final round of the US Open in 1989, when he finished with

"It can be a cruel, cruel game and it was that day at Oak Hill," he said. "Obviously it's what the game is all about but you don't like shocks to the system like thatone, especially when it's in a major championship."

Kite vowed that he would come back to win one of the big ones. He is the consumTom Kite's victory in the US Open in Monterey on Sunday has whetted his

appetite for major golf championships.

Mitchell Platts reports

mate professional with the reputation of being able to guts it out, as they say, and to win. Standing 5ft Sin and weighing 1 1st, he is similar in build to Bernhard Langer. He doesn't have a classic swing and his putting stroke. switching as he does from a conventional grip to cross-handed, is not always authoritative. He is dogged and determined, but he is also

It hun Kite not to receive an invitation for the Masters two months ago. It is the supreme irony, of course, that he should win the first major championship to be played after Augusta. The win will help him

towards regaining the Ryder Cup place he lost last year and has qualified him to play in the lucrative Johnnie Walker world championship in Ja-

US or less stated 285: T Kite, 71, 72, 73, 1, 287: I Soman, 73, 74, 63

maica in December. The Texan rode his luck on a wind that whipped the majority of his rivals into a frenzy. Kite profined because the

likes of Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam, Gil Morgan and Payne Stewart lost their way. He scored 72 for a total of 285, three under par, and he won by two strokes from Jeff Sluman, who had a final round of 71.

Montgomerie Colin launched a commendable challenge with a 70, finishing his round more than two hours before Kite, and for a moment it seemed that his total of 288, level par, would take all the beating. Montgomerie, however, was compelled to settle for third

Faldo finished joint fourth, following a 77 for 291, and he later criticised the United

FINAL SCORES FROM PEBBLE BEACH

(USGA) for the way they set up Pebble Beach. "Tom Kite beat them but the USGA screwed the rest of us up." Faldo said. "I hope they review the way they set up the golf course. It certainly needs reviewing. It's easier to catch darts in your teeth than putt

on greens like that." What transformed Pebble Beach, of course, was the wind. It had been on holiday for the first three days but returned to wreak havic. Faldo, however, was not alone in being critical of the greens. which became crusty as they

Raymond Floyd, who re-turned an \$1, said: "It was ridiculous. There was no skill factor involved because of the greens. You saw the scores It's not golf. And I don't think anyone wants to see final-round scores in the SOs."

Faldo and Floyd have the evidence to support their comments. Fifteen of the last 22 players to tee off on Sunday scored 80 or more and the average score for the round of 77.3 was only as low as that because the wind did not

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afternoon. Yet Kite proved that it was possible to mercome the course, even though he enjoyed his fair share of exxi innune.

For instance, he chipped in for a two at the 7th, the hole which measures only 107 vards from the elevated tee to the green which sits on the edge of the ocean. Faldo has contact with the leaders here when he took five. "I stood on the tee and I had no idea what

hit," Faldo said. "I remembered Tom Watson talking about hitting a five-iron in conditions like that so I took my five out but I thought it was too much. I exchanged it for a six. It was still too much."

club to use or what shot to

Kite, however, will have fond menturies of the hole. "How can a hole look that easy and play so hard?" he said. "I had a good lie in the rough, 20 yards from the pin, and I just hit a kind of little

"I thought of dancing round the green as Tom he chipped in there for a two in 1982. But the difference was that I still had another 11 holes to play so I restrained

Kite played those remain-ing holes in one over par while Montgomeric waited in the clubhouse. He played them in the fashion of a true champion. It was an afternoon when the players were given an extraordinary ex amination that should have suited Faldo down to the ground. He will be kicking himself, although I suspect no player will begradge Kite his

Inexperience and itinerary contribute to difficult tour

Scotland's priority must be to match Australian athleticism

FROM ALAN LORIMER IN BRISBANE

DICK Best, the England coach, praised the Scotland defence after watching the Scots lose 37-13 to Australia at the Ballymore stadium here

'Scotland's defence remained sound despite Australia's set-piece domination,"

The loss gave Australia the international series 2-0, but the Scots can derive some satisfaction from their international results on a hard eightmatch tour of Australia, compared to the performances of England and Wales there last year. Clearly the message from the internationals, if it was not already apparent, was that Scotland need to find big, athletic players. That, of course, will not happen, but Scotland should make more of

what they have. Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, spoke of Australia "having the best back-up resources to achieve their objectives".

Johannesburg: The proposed rugby tours of South Africa by

New Zealand and Australia

have been thrown into doubt

by the massacre at the

Boipatong township in which

39 people died. Steve Tshwete, an executive member of the

African National Congress (ANC), said he did not want

the tours cancelled, but added:

My gut feeling is that the

present situation does not augur well.
"We cannot have a big massacre in the township and

[international] rugby matches

going on at the same time." However, when asked if New

Zealand should be playing

ENGLAND'S prospect of going into the first "interna-

tional" of their B tour unbeat-

en is not in doubt, least of all

here in Wanganui, where they

play the provincial team at

Spriggens Park tomorrow. Of

greater concern is whether the

team can discover the form to

final week of its development

tried to play in Europe, which

is a more dynamic game,

hasn't come because we are

still a bit rusty and because of

the intensity of the opposi-tion." Graham Smith, the tour

manager, said. "But it's im-

The sort of game we have

visit to New Zealand.

"We even use a specialist to take the players through their warm-ups and stretch-downs," he said.

If they are to remain in touch with world-class rugby, Scotland must adopt the kind of individualised programme of conditioning, weight train-ing and speed work that, according to another Australian coach, are part of the influence of rugby league.

Inevitably the tour will be compared to that undertaken to New Zealand two years ago. when Scotland were undefeated in their provincial matches and lost the second international only narrowly. But, as Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, said: "On Sunday in the second international against Australia we had only two of the pack that played in the World Cup semi-final against England."

Whereas in New Zealand

Scotland suffered no serious injuries early on, luck was not

Killings lead to doubts over tours

South Africa at rugby when

his people were being shot, Tshwete said: "You would be

playing rugby with people

who are supportive of change and who are non-racial. There's nothing wrong with that."

If the tours did go ahead, players in the police and

armed services should not be

selected, Tshwete said. "Police

and army people must not be considered for selection in a representative side at any lev-el." He will meet the ANC

president, Nelson Mandela,

today to discuss South Africa's

sports programme, including

on their side in Australia. Ken Milne, Gavin Hastings and David Sole, the three most senior players, were all injured at some point of the tour. Milne took no further part after he damaged a calf muscle only ten minutes into the first international. For what was a squad containing a higher proportion than usual of young players, this was a crucial factor.

The other significant difference between the 1990 and 1992 tours was the midweek opposition. "The strength of the these teams was much greater than we had been led to expect," Dixon said. "Each side was strengthened with

several top players. That and the difficult itinerary that took the squad from tropical Darwin to the more temperate clime of Hobart in seven days made the tour the hardest that most of the senior players had been on. Although the tour record

the Barcelona Olympics and a

cricket tour by India. Mandela

is unlikely to take up his

invitation to attend the Olym-

pics after last week's massacre,

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said South Africa should be

expelled from the Olympics if

President F. W. de Klerk

in Cape Town. (Agencies)

England B prepare to raise the tempo

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN WANGANUI

Tshewete said.

shows only two wins. Scotland almost made the perfect start. In Darwin they lost by one point to a strengthened Northern Territory invitation side. and then drew against Oueensland and the Emerging Wallabies. The problem for Scotland was that, because of the severity of the weekend matches, the young players had to be fielded together in the midweek games. Their inexperience contributed to the poor early results.

Scotland perhaps took too many young players and would have been better bringing a more experienced mid-field player with the strength of tackle of, say, Ian Jardine, the Stirling County centre. That said, their bold selection

did bring dividends. Ken Logan showed that he will figure in Scotland's future plans as a full back or wing. and in his last match Gregor Townsend, at stand-off, con-firmed the form he had shown earlier in the season. Peter Wright, the Boroughmuir player, filled in admirably at tight-head prop after the withdrawal from the tour of Paul Burnell. He also made a mark on the other side of the scrum. where he may have a more

immediate future. The other pluses in the pack were Carl Hogg, who won two caps as a blind-side flanker at the expense of Dave McIvor, Rob Wainwright, who took over from Derek White as Scotland's No. 8. and Damian Cronin, who regained his international place at lock from Neil Edwards. The Scotland team is expect-

failed to take steps to end violence before the Games begin in July. "When we return to the Olympics... we cannot do it with the country in a state of national mourning and the state of the country in a state of national mourning and the country in the country The Sobiation feath is expected in Edinburgh tomorrow.
TOUR RECORD: 16-17 v Northern Temtory: 15-15 v Queensland: 24-24 v Emerging Wallables; 15-35 v New South Wales; 10-26 v New South Wales Country: 12-27 v Australia; 29-12 v Queensland Country Origin; 13-37 v Australia. ing and while we are caught up in a deepening political

Moorhouse saves his shaves for the Games

EIGHT of 11 national 100 metres breaststroke titles since 1981 is a record to be recommended. But the superstitious would focus more on defeat to conclude good omens for Adrian Moorhouse as he prepares to defend his Olympic title on the first day of competition at Barcelona next month.

For the Yorkshireman's first national championship defeat during a decade in which he has been Britain's ambassador to swimming came several weeks before the Seoul Olympics at the hands of James Parrack, his City of Leeds teammate. History has. thus far, been repeated, with Nick Gillingham Parrack's replacement after winning the 100 metres at the Olympic trials last month and national championships 12 days ago.

Gillingham stripped Moorhouse of his British and Commonwealth 100 metres record in 1min 01.33sec at the trials and will go to Barcelona as the fastest man in the world this year at both the 100 and 200 metres. Gillingham's 100 metres left Moorhouse "very shocked", though inquisitors were quickly reminded that while Gillingham chose to shave down for the trials to reach his peak, he did not. Since the trials, Moorhouse has also lost his remaining long-course

Commonwealth record, to Parrack at 50 metres. Tongue in cheek, he refers



Grand occasion: Moorhouse receives his award at a Guildhall banquet

to such losses as "cheap pot shots when I'm not ready". He plans to be ready for the race on July 26 in which victory would make him the first man to retain the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke

To that end, Moorhouse, 28 and an asthmatic, travelled to the Australian Institute of Sport at Canberra last winter to escape the British weather and start his "best prepara-

tion ever". After receiving a £5,000 Times/Minet award, he spent early spring continuing his sunshine programme in Florida and is presently at the Olympic training camp at Narbonne, France, with Gillingham, a fellow Times/ Minet award winner. Moorhouse's award is worthy testiment to the fact that, in the last six years only Norbert Rozsa, aged 20, of Hungary, has beaten him at a major

"I'm happy with the work I've done." he said. "It may sound strange, but I'm more confident than ever."

The Times/Minet Supreme Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet - the Londonbased firm of international insurance brokers - to help fund Britain's preparations for the Olympic Games this year. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely medal contenders.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley plays but TV controversy remains

FROM KEITH MACKLIN IN SYDNEY

ELLERY Hanley and the Great Britain team management stepped back from the brink yesterday. The Great Britain captain, after a short training spell, was declared fit to play at loose forward for the touring team in today's game at Newcastle, his first game of the tour and first since he was injured playing for Leeds against Warrington in April.

Malcolm Reilly, the coach, asked Hanley if he wanted to come on as substitute. Hanley replied: "No. I will play from the start."

However, doubts still remain over Hanley's true state of fitness and Reilly said: "I doubt if he can be 100 per cent

The controversy still rages over the management's apparent failure to discipline Hanley for negotiating in secret a commentary deal with Channel Nine television in Sydney. When Maurice Lindsay, the tour manager, was asked whether Hanley would be

disciplined for going behind management's back, he said: "I'd rather not talk about that now. We have a game

tomorrow."

Lindsay continued: "I have told Channel Nine's sports producer and the agency that booked Hanley that he is contracted to the tour by the Rugby Football League, and he cannot sign or even consider signing a contract with a third party.
"Ellery has genuinely been

trying to get onto the field and he entered into the TV agreement on the assumption that he would not be fit for Newcastle. He told me again this morning that his first commitment is, and always

has been, to the tour." Reilly refused to confirm that a successful run-out would mean that Hanley would play in the international match at Melbourne on Friday. "He would come into contention was all Reilly BASEBALL

Reds' advantage suffers in torrid Atlanta series

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Cincinnati Reds are finding the going a bit toasty at the top of the National League West. They lost three of four games to the Atlanta Braves, their hottest pursuers, in the best matchup of the weekend. Atlanta, who have won 19 of 22, took the last three of a home series to draw within one game and a half.

They won the finale 2-0 as Mike Bielecki and two relief pitchers yielded six hits.

At the bottom of the division, the Los Angeles Dodgers lost their tenth in a row. equalling their record for futil-ity since the club abandoned Brooklyn in 1958. Butch Henry and Dong Jones scaltered seven hits as the Houston Astros won 2-0.

Dave Fleming, of the Seattle Mariners, has no rookie jitters. The left-hander, aged 22, made only 33 starts in the minor leagues, so he would not have been considered the most seasoned of newcomers. On Friday he became the first

ten-game winner in the Amer-

ican League, beating the Min-nesota Twins 1-0 on four hits. He has lost two. The baseball establishment makes marginally fewer femi-nist overtures than the ancient

made on Saturday, Kelly Saunders became the first woman public-address announcer in the major leagues by working the Baltimore Orioles-New York Yankers game. The regular was recovering from an amputation. giving the Baltimore radio reporter, aged 42, her big

chance to rattle the rafters.
The Texas Rangers, who will to move to a new stadium in 1994, will host the 1995 allstar game, their first. This year's National League V American League "midsummer classie" is scheduled for July 14 in San Diego. Balti-more will hold the game next year. Pinsburgh in 1994.

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portant we don't revert to English conservatism." The team to play the New Zealand XV on Sunday is apparent from the choice of tomorrow's XV and Smith second-row spot he held in two

does not deny that, whatever B internationals at home. happens against Wanganui. the die is already cast. Even so there will be players still hopeful of creating a good impression, notably those who have made only one appearance so far — Dave Scully. Harvey Thorneycroft, Martin

Haag and Neil Matthews. Insofar as he had played last extend that record into the season for the B team as a replacement, Scully could be said to have been the firstchoice scrum-half when the tour started. A badly bruised thigh put him out of the game against Southland and Aadel Kardooni has siezed his chance avidly; the other three have not played since the easy tour opener against North Otago and Haag, in particu-lar, may feel he has had only a limited chance to claim the

Another good game by Matthews at stand-off half will do him no harm; it will, moreover, be in front of Geoff Cooke, the senior England team manager, who arrives tomorrow for the final ten days of the tour. Matthews was always going to play second fiddle to Stuart Barnes, the B team captain, but should have collected valuable hints about how to become a better player and will be tested by the presence in the Wanganui

back row of Bruce Hansen. Hansen is part of the New Zealand XV squad whose coach. Peter Thorburn, describes him as a "100 miles an hour player". He should stand out like a sore thumb in a team which has lost four and won one of its matches this season, conceding on average

55 points in each defeat. Both teams for Sunday's game will be confirmed on Thursday but the New Zealand selectors have been forced to amend their squad. The experienced Graeme Bachop, whom the touring Irish rated last month the best scrum-half they played against has been called to Australia while John Preston recovers from a dislocated collarbone after the All Blacks' first tour match in Perth.

WANGANUI: L. Harding; R. Byam, C. Osborne, G. Brennan, S. Selby; K. Chase, T. Scott; N. Ward, T. Cundy (captain), A. Bull, F. Sudlyan, B. Scott, R. Wallace, B. Hansen, N. Bull

Sullivan, B Scott, R Wallace, B Harsen, N Bell, ENGLAND B: J Steele (North-Impton); A Harriman (Harlequins), G Childs (Wasps), G Thompson (Harlequins), H Thomey-crott (North-Impton); N Marthews (Gloucester), D Soully (Wakerled); M Hynes (Orrel), K Dunn (Gloucester), A Mullins (Harlequins, captain), M Russell (Harlequins), M Haag (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester), J Cassell (Saracens), S Ojomoh (Bath), Referee: M Thompson (Auckland).



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Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 CONISTON WATER (nap).

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Top Royal to complete treble

TOP Royal would be an appropriate winner of the Operatic Society Challenge Cup at " rigg Brighton today as he has won his last two races there. The race today is run annually in honour of the horse who between 1959 and 1966 established the record number of races won on the track

Top Royal's most recent victory was gained cight days ago when he won the Cosmopolitan Hotel Handicap by what looked like a comfortable three lengths. It is hard to envisage the third. Tiger Claw, who was beaten a total of six-and-a-half lengths taking his revenge on 5lb better

Previouly, Top Royal had beaten the in-form Dazzle The Crowd by two lengths. A line through Dazzle The Crowd, who had earlier beaten El Volador by threequarters of a length over the

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same course and distance, indicates that Top Royal has nothing to fear from El Volador on these terms.

Pharamment is a smart handicapper on his day as anyone who saw him win at Sandown and Goodwood last season will testify. However, as he has never won first time out I doubt him being ready to give 16lb to Top Royal, who is my nap.

Willie Carson, his jockey again today, can go on to land a double by winning the Palace Handicap for Ron Hodges on Linveiled. At Windsor eight days ago, Linveiled was beaten only half a length in fifth place in a sprint won by Paddy Chalk. Judged on the way that he

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RICHARD EVANS

finished on that occasion, the additional furlong of today's race will suit him. He is preferred to Dumeltor, who comes back to seven furiones. after being beaten three lengths by Talent in the Brighton Mile.

Before flying south to Newbury for the evening meeting there. Steve Cauthen will be on duty at Yarmouth in his capacity of Shaikh Mohammed's retained rider. In the circumstances significance .can be read into the fact that he will be on the Michael Stoute-trained newcomer Cashell in the EBF Fillies Maiden Stakes instead of the Shaikh's other mmner, Self Assured_

Earlier in the programme Cauthen should win the Tote Piace Only Maiden Stakes on ston Water. When discussing this lightly raced but promising three-year-old recently his trainer John Gosden told me that he is better than his fourth place in the Wood Ditton Stakes suggests. an observation borne out by the way that he went in a gallop with stable companions Muhtarram and Pollen



Carson: good prospects of double at Brighton

4.00 PALACE HANDICAP (52,265: St 209yd) (10 runners)

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1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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SUBRIEY RACING 11 2nd of 14 to 6a Executive in Epocos (71, good) handicap on peneliment start. HAMADRYAD ink 2nd of 11 to Euroblate in Catherics (77, good) handicap lasted. DURNELTOR 3 2nd of 5 to Talent in bandicap bere (fint Sims) UNVELED to k 5th of 16 to Paddy Chalk in Windows (87, good) handicap. OLD COMPADES

Selection: HAMADRYAD (susp)

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (52,856: 7f 214yd) (12 runners)

At Newbury, Cauthen will be reunited with the first foal out of that too-class mare Sonic Lady when he teams up with Hazzam again in the 210 FM Avebury Stakes. With successive victories at York and Lingfield behind them, they should prove too good for Berseto, Kristianstad and Ships Lantern on

this occasion. By winning the Kingston Smith Handicap Tongue Tied can justify Willie Carson's cross-country dash to the Berkshire track.

However, I doubt whether Lohinda, his ride in the Newbury Trade Stands Han-dicap will be able to give as much as a stone to Roger Chariton's promising stayer Garden District, who will appreciate the better going after only just scraping home in the mud at Wolverhampton last

"Bill had to do a lot of soni But he felt that he will not

ask an owner to pay.
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Richard Evans: 7.30 Cradle Days.

7.30 CRADLE DAYS.

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Suave Dancer on schedule to keep Longchamp date

back from injury and has a good chance of defending his crown in the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 4.

John Hammond, the English-born trainer of Suave Dancer, started exercising the colt last week after six weeks on the sidelines caused by a twisted ankle. "He's on the way back and in light exercise at the moment," Hammond said at Longchamp yesterday. "I am fairly confident that we will get him back for the Arc. He would

have one prep race." "A twisted ankle does not sound serious but, as with humans, it can take a long time to get right. He suffered

SUAVE Dancer is on his way in the Prix Ganay in May but started walking and trotting last week."

Suave Dancer, who will be attempting to become the first horse since Alleged to win the Arc in successive years, is one of the 182 entries for the £850,000 race just one fewer than last year.

As usual, the field for Europe's top middle-distance race has a broad internationai flavour. There are 106 enmies from France, 56 from England, II from Ireland, four from the United States. three from Germany and one from Australia and Italy.

Australia's entry is the brilliant mare Let's Elope, the winner of her last seven starts and with career earnings of the injury after finishing third nearly Aus\$3 million. Last

shape, no problems, and the

plan is for him to go out to

With Silver Wisp a con-

firmed runner, the biggest

question mark now concerns

Epsom runner-up St Jovite. His jockey, Christy Roche,

has won an adjournment of

tomorrow's scheduled ap-

peal against a 15-day riding ban and the stewards of the

Irish Turf Club have offered

him an alternative date of

St Jovite's trainer, Jim

Boiger, has said he will con-

sider withdrawing the colt

from Sunday's classic should

the stewards uphold the sus-

Friday afternoon.

Ireland on Saturday.

year she won the Melbourne Cup and the Caulfield Cup. Entries from the United States include two former European horses. George Augustus and Mukddaam. The English-born Neil Drysdale has entered the Chilean Tri-

ple Crown winner Wolf with

the quarter completed by Wall Street Dancer. The British challenge is headed by Dr Devious, winner of the Derby, and Saddler's Hall, successful in the Coronation Cup. Michael Stoute has 13 entries but that pales into insignificance alongside the 33 runners pencilled in for the race by Andre Fabre, who will be seeking to add to his lone Arc success in 1987 with Trempolino. By comparison, Francois Boutin has only three entries, but

horse by the name of Arazi. Shaikh Mohammed, for whom success at the top level of international racing still fails to reflect his investment in bloodstock, has 21 entries. more than any other owner Daniel Wildenstein has 18 entries, the Aga Khan has 14 while Khaled Abdulla has 12.

these include the Prix Lupin.

winner Johann Quaiz and a

Ciga, which is sponsoring the top-class racing weekend for the fifth successive year. has, along with France's racing authorities, resisted the temptation of tinkering with a successful formula. After a series of changes in recent years, this year's package is identical to last season with 10 group races and prizemoney of some £1.5 million.

Silver Wisp for Ireland

SILVER Wisp will be supplemented for the Budweiser Irish Derby at the Curragh on Sunday (George Rae writes). Bill Robins, the owner of the Epsom Derby third, yesterday decided to pay the Ir£75,000 supplementary entry fee to renew rivalry with Dr Devious.

searching. Geoff Lewis, the trainer of Silver Wisp, said. have many chances of win-ning a Derby and chose to go ahead. It's a sporting move because the supplementary fee is a great deal of money to

NEWBURY

6.30 Moon Warch, 7.00 Garden District, 7.30 Tongue Tieri. 8.00 Only Royale. 8.30 Redenham. 9.00 Hazaam.

6.30 Latest Flame. 7.00 Lobinda. 7.30 Cradle Days. 8.00 Wassi This Then. 8.30 Redenham. 9.00

Our Newmarker Correspondent: 8.00 Only Royale.

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7.00 NEWBURY TRADE STANDS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,555: 1m 57 61yd) (4)

6.30 MID-SUMMER MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O fallies: £3,288: 6# 8yd) (15 runners)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

7.30 KINGSTON SMITH HANDICAP

(£3.460; 5f 34yd) (6) 1 3060 MACFARLANE 8 (D.G.S) M Fetherston Godies 4/9/13 2 0252 CRADLE DAYS 3 (D.G.) R Hardon 3948 M Roberts 3 0440 SPELL OF THE YUKON 12 (D.G.) Batting 345

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8.00 WIMPEY HOBBS HANDICAP (3-Y-O faties: £3,590: 1m 2f 6yd) (7)

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(2-Y-O: £3,655; 7f 64yd) (5)

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nanc, 11-2, 2, Feb Process (11-10 gp), 3 Mv Dosre (11-2) 6 ran, Hd, 15; R Watcher Tota: £3.40; £2.10 £2.50 £5 £3.20 CSF £11 41 3.45 (1m 3f 32)c0 1, Bridge Last (M Teb-butt, 4.7 fav), 2. Carraen Land (5-4) 2 ran 31-1 W Janus at Newmarket, Tota £1 £2.

4.15 (1m 16vd) 1, Spanish Performer (J. Fanning, 8-1), 2, Northern Graduate (11-10 fee); 3, J.P. Morgan (14-1), 8 can. 11, no. T. Fannings, Tote, E11 30, C2.30, E1 52 52.20 DF; 29.40 CSF £17.27

4.45 (71 15yd) 1, Constal Express (N. Newnes, 4.5 favt; 2, Oyston's Life (10.1), 3, Denan Blue (6-1), 6 ran. Hd. "1, 6 Weymes, Tote: £160; £140; £440 DF £18.60 CSF £891

5.15 (7) 15yd) 1, Valley Of Time (Carron Mortait, 11-8 fav); 2, Gant Bleu (4-1), 3 Wesser Milord (10-1), 7 ran (1, 7), 7 Craig Tote: \$2.30, \$2.20, \$1 (3) EF \$3.20 CSF \$6.65.

Stable plan

The late Charles St George's Sefton Lodge Stables in New-

market will remain open until

at least the end of the year.

Henry Cecil, who trained most of St George's horses.

said yesterday: "I am advised by the St George family that

Sefton Lodge will continue in its present form until the end

Placepot: £5.90

4-5 Genden District, 11-8 Loberda, 12-1 Judge And Jury, 16-1 Arc-tic Circle. TRAINERS: H Cecil, 31 werees trom 89 numbers, 34 8%, M Stoute, 22 from 108, 20 4%, J Gooden, 9 from 61, 14 8%; L Cumsan, 9 from 65, 13.6%, R Chartlen, 6 from 51 11 8%, Lord Humbrigdon, 4 from 35, 11 4%. Blinkered first time JOCKEYS: S Cauthen, 38 winners from 186 ndes, 31 4%, Par Endern, 48 from 257, 18,7%, W Careon, 38 from 254, 15,0%; M Roberts, 32 from 223, 14,3%, T Cuem, 21 from 157, 13,4%, L Dotton, 12 from 112, 10,7% NEMBURY: 6.30 Easy Line. YARMOUTH: 3.15 Sebasan. BRIGHTON: 5.00 Markey Charges

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ALSO RAN: 16 Bold Acre (4th), 16 Pure Madness (5th), 25 He Nose You Korw (6th), 6 ran, 119, 14, 2, 10, 10, P Cole at Whatcombe, Totac S1.40; 21 10, 52.80, DF: 55.00, CSF: 55.93

DF: 65.00. CSF: 26.93

4.30 (61 15yd) 1, HARRY'S COMING (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2, Marpick (Stephen Daves, 11-2 [I-fav); 3, Ganeshaya (N Carlisle, 20-1); 4, Barbury Fiyar (M Roberts, 10-1), ALSO RAN, 11-2 [I-fav Johanna Thyme, 5 Quer Victory (6th), 7 Cresgo, 12 My Ruby Ring, 14 Fabled Crainer, 14 Milmosn Music, 16 Dictoris Lane, 16 Cumbrane Causaler, 20 Frazen Diemond, 20 Bishopstone BB, 25 Pashy 3 Son, 25 Dressoline Echa, 33 C Sharp, 33 Sally Saad, 33 Vendredi Treize (6th), 19 ran, 2'51, 21, 11, 11d, 11, R Hodges at Somerton, Total: 2'7-40; 5.1.50, 51.50, 52.50, 52.30, CF 539.00, CSF: 553.71

S.00 (8) 15yd) 1. FÖR THE PRESENT JARS Greaves, 9-11; 2. Chalck Silver Boy (4 Hills, 25-1); 3. Anniversalire (V Smoth, 5-2 In-less Herby) ALSO RAN: 5-2 In-less Birchwood Sun, 6 Bucz-B-Beibe (Sith), 7 Park Dance (Sith), 8 Red Bailet, 11 Duchess Diasnie, 12 Steves & Wonder, 12 Narcy, 25 Ascorn Pager Too, 25 Look Who's Here (4th), 37 Galapcite, Fury 13 can. Sh hd, sh hd, 31, nt, 3. T Barron at Threst, Totte E16.80; E3.90, E3.90, E3.30. DF E311.30. CSF 2304.56. After steelarts' enquiry, result stand.

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Placepot: 282_10.

2.15 (50) 1. High Poinciples (J Carroll 2-1); 2 Kotie-A (8-11 tax); 3, Lawnswood. Proce (K Darley, 12-1). 4 ran. 29:1, 2, J Berry Tote: 12.60. DF £140 (55) £45 (245 (5f) 1, Classic Storm (J Carroll, Evens tox), 2. First Option (8-4), 18 right Geor (12-7), 7 ran. 29:1, 194, 194 (19 First Exp. 21-1), 194

of the year when the situation will be re-assessed," he said.

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200 Crusade. 2.00 Crusade. 3.30 Top Royal. 130 Avice Caro. 2.30 Avice Caro. 1.00 Homemaker 3.30 Top Royal. 4.00 DURNELTOR (nap). 1.00 Unveiled. 100 Proud Brigadies 5.00 Proud Brigadier. DRAW: 5F.213YD - 7F.214YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST Marca 2.00 EBFEASTBOURNE MAIDEN STAKES 2-Y-O colts & geldings: 52,325: 5f.213yd) (3 runners) 0282 CRUSADE 19 (Kennet Valley Ltd) R Hanson 9-0 95 LE COUTEAU 24 (Flio Partners) D Arbuthrof 9-0 6 WISHING CAP 17 (Finnacle Bacong Stable) M Prescott 9-0 J Reid @ 99 FORM FOCUS RUSADE head 2nd of 111to temmetti in Epsorn (6).

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CSF E1-42-63. 3.45 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,280: 7f 3yd) (5 runners) CASHELL (Sheakt: Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 S Caudhen
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S.00 (2m 9yd) 1, CANTANTA (R. Cochanae, 11-2); 2, Betelgeuse (W.Ryen, 7-2); 3, Bendac (G. Hind, 33-1), ALSO HAN: 7-4 tox King's Treasure; (Sth), 7 Kajeani, 8 Pinpaes Song (Sth), 12 Pol. Hunting, 25 Perfect Light, 25 Ellafitzadly 4th), 50 Grastly Glow, 50 Royal Opera Star. F1 ran. 2-21, 10, 34, 5, 2-21, R. Chadton at Beckhampton. Tota: 55.27: 51.70, 21.30. \$72.20. DF. £10.50. CSF-22.391. 1991: CERTAIN LADY 8-6 G Bardwell (3-1) G Blum 9 ran 223.91.
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

Requested leads market REQUESTED was yesterday installed 7-1 favourite with Ladbrokes for the £50,000added Newcastle Brown Ale Northumberland Plate on Saturday. Reg Akehursi's geiding was second to Gondoller in last Tuesday's ASCOT They then bet: 9-1 Hawaii

Al Barr, Sain Lover, Highflying, 11-1 others.

However, Hills make Requested 8-1 joint favourite

with Michael Stoute's Hawait Al Barr. Kooyonga was made fa-

vourite for the Coral-Eclipse Stakes by the sponsors yesterday. The Irish-trained filly was heavily supported from 13-2 to 5-2 for the ten-furlong event which takes place on Samrday week. Other prices are: 6-1 Lahib, 7-1 Ezzoud. Opera House, 8-1 Zoman, Young Buster, Twist And

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Hott and Childs steer Essex to dramatic victory

By RICHARD STREETON

BOURNEMOUTH (final day of three): Essex (19pts) beat Hampshire (8) by 79 runs

ESSEX bowled out Harmsshire, the championship leaders, for 80 yesterday to gain a dramatic victory with 19 balls to spare after they had looked to be facing imminent defear when the day started. Hamp-shire, left to make 160 from 31 overs to win, suffered their first defeat this season as they collansed in two hours against the left-arm pace and spin of Ilott and Childs.

Essex climbed back into the match when their last three wickets added 145, led by an eighth-wicket stand of 106 between Garnham and Pringle. Hampshire boldly went for their target and needed 125 from the final 20 overs but went on to lose their last eight wickets for 45 on a

pitch yielding slow turn. Middleton was held down the leg side by Garnham from Foster's first ball of the Hampshire innings and the fast bowler then took a tumbling return catch to dismiss Terry. Gower drove and cut 21 fluently before he fell to a brilliant, low catch on the cover point boundary by Prichard from Pringle's first ball as the final hour started.

soon as Childs joined the attack before Tlott struck the decisive blows. Host dismissed Marshall and James in successive overs to leave

Hampshire 60 for six and a draw their only remaining ambition. Essex steadily tightened the noose with a succession of good close catches as seven, and finally nine, men were stationed round the bat. Hott finished with four for 19 and Childs three for 16. For Essex, this remarkable

win will boost the confidence of a side which has shown uneven form recently and which, for long periods in this game, had looked a dispirited team. The result also raises question marks about Hampshire's ability to maintain their

championship challenge In the morning, Essex were still 46 runs behind, with their four main barsmen gone. when they resumed their second innings at 105 for four. When Udal, the off-spinner, had Knight caught behind in the third over, with a ball that turned and lifted, their cause looked hopeless.

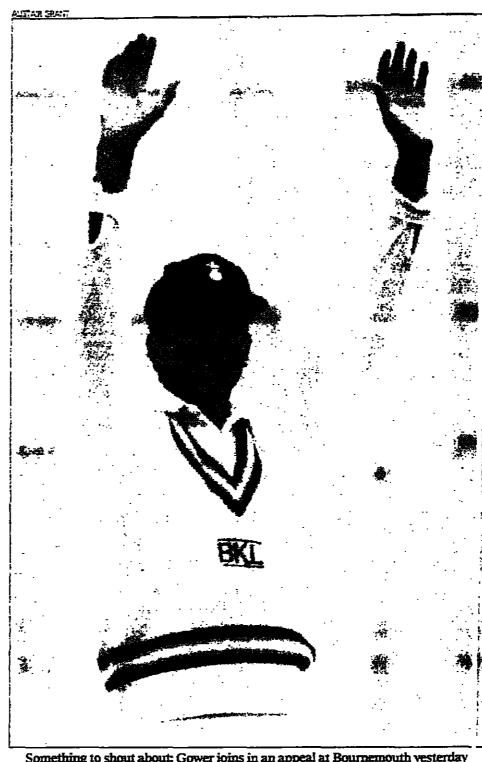
As Shahid launched into several spirited drives and pulls, which brought him seven fours, nearly an hour elapsed before Hampshire ally snicked a low catch to second slip off Connor and the same bowler soon afterwards bowled Shahid.

Essex were only 14 runs on as Pringle joined Garnham and two-and-a-quarter hours were to pass before they were separated. In the last over before hunch, Garnham was 17 and the total 189 when he was dropped by Middleton in the gully off Marshall. Otherwise Hampshire were completely frustrated.

Pringle gradually began to work the ball off his legs and Garnham invariably punished anything loose or over pitched. As the stand progressed, both were willing to move forward to smother the spin from Udal and Maru and this finally brought Pringle's

Udal, rather unusually, had continued to bowl after Connor took a new ball at 253 in the 106th over. In his second over with it, Udal deceived Pringle through the air and Parks was left with a straightforward stumping. Pringle hit nine fours and faced 130

The Essex resistance was not yet finished. Foster stayed seven overs and Childs for six. Garnham's 60 included nine fours in his innings of three-



Something to shout about: Gower joins in an appeal at Bournemouth yesterday

Yorkshire suffer on suspect pitch

By Ivo Tennant

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire (23pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by 89 runs

THERE are ways and means of winning a cricket match, and this was not one that the Men of Hambledon would have had in mind. Rather than try to take the wicket they needed to make Yorkshire follow on, the Worcestershire captain lured them into the prospect of a run chase, ultishire came nowhere near this, losing with three overs

Much the same happened at Bristol last week, Kent chosing not to attempt to make Gloucestershire follow on. Thus the cricket that takes place over the first two days is effectively nullified. A captain cannot be blamed for lacking confidence in his attack, but this was not the way the game was supposed to be played. The great captains of yesteryear would have stood apart

Yorkshire had needed three runs to avoid following on. Having declared, the collusion apparently not extending to the target they would be left. Moxon maintained his proper attack until lunchtime. Then came Curtis's declaration, nothing if not a cautious one.

That Worcestershire did win had more to do with the state of the pitch than arrything else, and yet the umpires will not be reporting it. Of the Yorkshire wickets to fall yesterday, five were to balls that were no easier to play than if they

had been grubbers. For a great technician looking to play off the front foot. this would have been the occasion. Geoffrey Boycott was no believer in kuck, but even he might have needed it here. The first four batsmen to be out - Moxon, Byas, Kellett that scuttled through. As for reaching their target. Yorkshire never had a chance.

Tendulkar began with two lovely cover drives off Newport, for all that the ball was not there for the shot. If anybody had the necessary technique, it was him. He also had the luck. There were 22 overs remaining when, surprisingly, he misjudged fillingworth's line, as if confounded that the ball had not, for once, been speared down the leg side. After that, Yorkshire were dependent on White to take as much of the strike as he could. This he managed to the extend of making the highest score of his career, an unbeaten 79, but Radford and Newport, who has now taken 40 first-class wickets, were too

sharo for the tail. ☐ The former Yorkshire and Northamptonshire wicketkeeper. Kenneth Fiddling, has died at the age of 74.

Robinson pluck restores Surrey pride

BY JACK BAILEY

BATH (final day of three): Somerset (24pts) beat Surrey (3) by nine wickets

SURREY still languish

winless at the bottom of the Brittanic Assurance championship while Somerset, in second place with three vicbetter off at this stage than anyone here can remember. Thanks largely to Jonathan Robinson and Darren Bicknell, Surrey went some way to redeeming their pallid first innings, taking Somerset the Prince of Wales feathers are still looking decidedly

For a time yesterday, it

be folded shortly after hinch. The interval came with Surrey

end, though unavailing.

K D James r Hussain b flott 1
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J R Ayling c Foster b flott 1
J R Ayling c Foster b Childs 1
R J Paris c Foster b Childs 1
R J Maru c Waugh b Childs 5
D Udal b flott 2
C A Connor not out

Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-31, 3-35, 4-54, 5-59, 6-60, 7-67, 8-69, 9-76. BOWLING. Foster 7-0-23-2; Pringle 6-1-21-1; flott 7.5-1-19-4; Childs 7-1-16-3.

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Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 1, nb 17) ...

Umpires: J.D. Bond and A.A. Jones.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-61, 3-99, 4-102, 5-107, 6-152, 7-164, 8-271, 9-294, BOWLING: Marshall 32-7-68-1; Connor 19-3-61-2; Aylang 18-7-27-1; Udal 25-4-8-75-3, James 8-2-35-0; Maru 18-6-31-2

Notts v Northants

TRENT BREDGE (third day of three): Not-tinghamshire (23pts) bear Northampton-shire (4) by two wickets
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 326 for 9 dec (N A Felhon 64, A R Roberts 62, R J Balley 54, D Roberts 6, A R Roberts 62, R J Saley 54, D Roberts 64, A R Roberts 62, R J Saley 54, D Roberts 64, A R Roberts 62, R J Saley 54, D Roberts 64, A R Roberts 62, R J Saley 54, D Roberts 62, Cars. 1, Evans 26-5-67, 2; Afford 18-1-76-2; Crassley 21-3-56-1)

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Second Innings
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D J Capel not out 35
M B Loye b Crawley 14
K M Curran b Crawley 10
Fates (Ibb 6 pt 1) 7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-182, 2-180, 3-218, 4-238, 5-272. BOWLING: Pick 12-1-38-0; Cairms 9-0-51-1; Evans 12-0-45-0; Afford 15-1-94-1; Crawley 5.5-0-38-3

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 302 for 4 dec (B C Broad 159, R T Robinson 52)

Second Innings

Extres (b 13, lb 12, nb 3)28

FALL OF WACKETS: 1-76, 2-155, 3-202, 4-208, 5-245, 6-256, 7-268, 8-291
BOWLING: Ambrose 13.5-2-38-0; Taylor 7-1-20-0; Capel 6-2-20-0; Roberts 16-3-79-2; Cook 10-1-43-3, Bailey 8-0-40-1; Curran 7-0-32-1

Głoucs v Warwicks

BRISTOL (third day of three): Warwickshire (23pts) beat Gloucestershire (5) by 75 nms WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 253 (D P Ostler 83, T L Penney 55)

Second Innings

A J Moles low b Walsh R G Twose c Williams b Walsh

Umpires: J W Holder and R Palmer

Extras (lb 6, nb 1)

Total (5 wkts dec)

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Extras (lb 1)

the day needing 151 to avoid an innings defeat and with seven wickets remaining. Surrey could scarcely have had a worse start. Thorpe was caught behind off Rose without adding to his score. Boiling, the nightwatchman, defended starkly and Ward struck a few bold blows, but when Robinson came in. Surrey were 154 for six and

fading fast. He stuck to his guns with remarkable formude, barning for two hours and 40 minutes. and driving back the in-field with the aid of seven fours. He was missed at mid-off on 23, by Cottam he had given the impression that this was the

Somerset would not kase because of his dropped cat ch. Mallender polished off 1 the Surrey innings by bowli ng Bryson and Benjamin with successive balls, bringing his match figures to eight for 130, ensuring that Somerset h ad time to complete their task. ☐ Gary Lineker, who retired

from international footh all last week when England we ere knocked out of the Europe an championship, is to conceentrate instead on cricket. An MCC member who was at Lord's over the weekend for the second Test, he could p lay tive matches next month.

Lineker is on a reserve list of

Hick deserves benefit of the growing doubt

A mong the questions confronting the England selectors when they meet later in the week will be what best to do about Graeme Hick I can imagine opinions being more sharply divided on this than on whether to bring back David Gower or farewell Ian Botham.

No doubt, Graham Gooch's wishes will prevail. I doubt whether even W. G. or Lord Hawke had as much say as England's present captain regarding those invited to be in attendiance from one l'est match to the next. We can still hope, though, that Gooch is

open to suggestions.

Is Hick going to make a
Test cricketer or does he lack what it takes to become one? He has now played 15 Test innings and made 284 runs at an average of just under 19.

Liast season the West Indian fast bowlers had only to see him coming. trailing an astonishing record in anything other that Test cricket, to become even fiercer than they normally are. In New Zealand last winter his best score in five Test innings was a disappointing 43.

Although he batted like a champion for 51 in the first Test this summer, runs at the time were undeniably cheap. When they were not, in the second Test at Lord's. he made 13 and 11.

Some famous players have started their Test careers no better than Hick and gone on to reward the faith and perseverance of the selectors. The most topical example is Alec Stewart. While making only one half-century in his first 15 Test innings — identical to Hick - he had to listen to taunts of nepotism and instability. For having been given an extended trial, he

owes much to Gooch, who

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saw the fighter in him, not to mention a touch of class. Mike Gatting was another who would soon have been dropped had his critics been heeded. Al-though to those with an eye for potential he looked to be just what England need-Test innings that he got his first Test hundred, two innings later than Bobby Simpson, who went on to become one of Australia's best and most dependable batsmen. Simpson's temperament was never in doubt: for a while Gatting's was. Hick's. I fancy, will

eventually pass the test. Dennis Amiss, an England selector, also averaged 19 in his first 21 innings. In his last 67. he averaged 55. Bill Edrich's first 11 innings for England brought him 88 runs, in his twelfth. against South Africa, at

Durban, he scored 219. Gatting had Gower to thank for promoting his claims: Edrich's friend at court was Walter Hammond. Perhaps Amiss will be Hick's. Sir Pelham Warner used

to say that Edrich was not only a batsman, he was good at the bits and pieces", being able to make batsmen hurry with his bowling and catching most of what came his way at slip. Gatting and Stewart also have other strings to their bow.

So does Hick, an outstanding all-round fielder and a useful change bowler. I believe that with him, too, it is only a matter of time before he throws off the burden of expectation, albeit by batting, for a while, not at No. 3 but at five or

New Zealand's offer

ENGLAND'S next visit to Australia may be over two years away but problems over the itinerary, a now customary prelude to the tours there, have already arisen (Simon Wilde writes). This time however the difficulty has come from an unexpected source, because it is the New Zealand cricket board rather than its Austrahan counterpart that is making demands of the Test and County Cricket Board.

England, who are already committed in 1994-5 to a full Test tour of Australia and participation in the World Series Cup, have received an invitation from New Zealand Cricket to extend their tour by crossing the Tasman Sea to take part in a four-way limited overs competition.

The event has been planned to celebrate the centenary of the New Zealand crici board and it is also hoped that Australia and West Indies will take part. The England committee will discuss the matter at its meeting next month but is expected to decline the

Notts fete arrival of

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Hendrick

THE Nottinghamshire players greeted the arrival of Mike Hendrick as their cricket manager yesterday by reviving their championship ambitions in beating Northamptonshire by two wickets with one ball to ... spare at Trent Bridge.

Tim Robinson, the captain, whose workload will be eased considerably by Hendrick's appointment as successor to John Birch, led the chase after 297 in 68 overs by scoring his first century of the senson from only 97 balls. When Robinson went with 41 still required Mark Crawley played the decisive role.

The finish was even more exciting at Horsham, where Sussex needed two runs off the last ball to beat Durham. Franklyn Stephenson obliged and Sussex were home by four wickets, having been set 340

in 65 overs. Victory was made possible by Neil Lenham who, although batting with a runner throughout, scored 118 from 165 balls, sparing Jamic Hall's legs by hitting 19 fours. The fragile Gloucestershire

batting was not up to the task of scoring 260 to beat Warwickshire, who won by 75 runs at Bristol, where Allan Donald, the game's most influential figure, broke a stub-born last-wicket stand to finish with match figures of eight for 91 as Warwickshire gained their third win of the season to

Enterprising Middlesex almost lose it at the last

By PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (final day 36 runs before Carr holed out of three): Lancashire (5pts) at midwicket essaying one drew with Middlesex (5)

AFTER being second best for most of the day, spirited Lancashire came close to snatching an unlikely victory yesterday, Middlesex's last pair surviving a tense final over from Watkinson.
It would have been harsh

justice if Middlesex trad lost at the last, for their enterprising pursuit of 341 in 65 overs had given the game its life. After being put into bat, Atherton presumably felt justified in setting a stiff target. As it turned out, on a still good batting wicket, it was a perfectly feasible one, but after a steady start, a slow period before tea. with Ramprakash playing only three scoring strokes in his first 14 overs, put Middlesex behind the clock.

They made strenuous efforts to catch up after the interval. Carr setting the pace with 11 fours in his 80 as Middlesex went into the last 20 overs needing 161 with seven wickets remaining. Ramprakash and then Brown provided good support, Brown reverse sweeping his way to 50 off 38 balls as Middlesex kept up with the asking rate, adding

at midwicket essaying one heave too many at Watkinson. Weekes went quickly and Gatting, batting with eight stitches in his forehead, came

in for the final charge. When Brown was yorked after an invaluable innings, Emburey brought his own idiosyncratic approach to the task with such effect that, with four overs remaining, the target was 38 but when Emburey fell at mid-on off the first ball of Fletcher's over the chase was over. Martin, the best bowler on

view, deservedly had the last word, removing Gatting with nine balls remaining. That brought everyone round the bat, and Headley fell to the last ball of his over, but it was too late for Lancashire as Fraser just survived a testing over from Watkinson.

Proving that it is still a batsman's game, the umpires selected Atherton as the sponsors' man of the match. After scoring his second century of the season in the first innings, Atherton's name is likely to be canvassed if England are considering making changes for the third Test, but he still looks some way short of his best. To pick him would do him no favours at present

and who, we wondered, was there to stay with him? We had reckoned without Darren Bicknell. It was an

tories, leave the Bath festival making them bat again; but

tocked as though all those tents round the ground would

Sussex v Durham

HORSHAM (third day of three): Sussex (20pts) beat Durham (5) by four wickets DURHAM: First Innings 300 for 8 dec (5 Hutton 78, W Larkins 53; F D Stephenson 4 for 65)

Second Innings

Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 4) 8

BOWLING: Stephenson 1-1-0-0; Jones 9-0-72-1; Pigott 11-2-38-2; Robson 6-0-29-0; Donelan 8-0-47-0.

SUSSEX: First trainings 151 for 4 dec () WHail 82)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-159, 3-231, 4-247, 5-322, 6-338.

247, 7-322, 6-336. BOWLING: Wood 9-1-46-2, Hughes 15-3-57-2; McBwan 12-1-72-1; Briers 13-4-34-0; Graveney 18-2-121-1. Umpires: J C Balderstone and D R Shepherd.

Somerset v Surrey

BATH (third day of threet: Somerset (24pts) best Surrey (3) by rime wickets SOMERSET: First Innings 376 for 9 dec (M Nathwell (14, R / Harden 73) Second limitings

80WUNG: Benjamin 3-0-7-0; Robu 1-8-1; Lynch 1 3-0-5-0.

SURREY: First Innings 116 (N A Mallender 9 for 29)

Second Innings

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J Boiling b Snell

D M Ward low b Snell

J D Robinson b Cottam

N M Kendnok low b Rose

M P Bidonell not out

R E Bryson b Mallender

J E Berjamin b Mallender

Total 276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-58, 3-103, 4109, 5-147, 6-154, 7-160, 8-247, 9-276.

BOWLING: Snell 32-8-73-2; flose 21-9-342: Mallender 22-27-51-3; Cottam 12-5-321; Trump 25-9-52-0; MacLeay 7-3-8-1;
Hayturst 5-2-9-1.

Umpires: R C Tokhard and R A White.

Hampshire v Essex

BOURNEMOUTH (third day of three). Essex (19pts) beat Hampshire (8) by 79 rund HAMPSHIRE: First Invangs 300 for 8 dec (M C. J. Nicholas, 81) Second Invangs

Extras (b 6, lb 11, nb 3) ..

Total (1 wkt)

FALL OF WICKET: 1-4.

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Total (5 wkts) ...

W Larkins c Wells b Jones
S Hutton c Moores b Pigott
D M Jones not out
P W G Parker b Pigott
M P Briess not out

Total (3 wkts dec) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-32, 3-51.

still 98 runs behind and only three wickets left. Although Robinson had given signs of being made of sterner stuff than some who had gone before, he had only made ten

unreasonable oversight, for Bicknell had been undefeated in four of his ten previous innings. Though suffering from a groin strain - his brother ran for him for most of the time — he batted as well as resisted for nearly 30 overs, adding 87 for the eighth wicket, and there was Bicknell, once again, undefeated at the

last thing that could happen.

The ball that got him turned a long way out of the rough Robinson was the backbone and a relieved Conam, who of Surrey's resistance. Starting had been responsible for the

TK I Piper not out 26 G C Small c Adhey b Daws 2 A A Donald c Williams 5 Cavies 2 T A Naumon not out 2

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-9, 3-51, 4-62, 5-104, 6-167, 7-171, 8-176, 9-184 80WING: Walsh 23-7-60-4; Babington 9-0-31-0; Davies 31-7-72-3; Smith 4-2-3-0; Scott 13-4-27-2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 199 (M W Alleyne 55, R J Scott 50; A A Donald 5 for 24)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS 1-51, 2-62, 3-77, 4-77, 5-96, 6-115, 7-115, 8-117, 9-123. BOWLING. Donald 19-4-77-3, 5rnall 13-4-34-2, P.A. Smith 6-1-77-1; Munton 24-10-60-4, Recent 1-1-0-0.

Umpires B Leadbeater and G Sharp.
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previously published

Worcs v Yorks

WORCESTER (third day of three): Worcestershire (23pts) best Yorkshire (5) by 59 nurs WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immings 386 for 9 dec (1 5 Curss 197 P I Newport 61) Second Innings

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-83, 3-83, 4-131, 80W/LNG: Gough 5-0-32-0, Milbran 11-0-54-1; Robinson & 1-14-1; Carrick 9-2-16-2

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 234 for 9 dec (R.)

Extras (lb 12, nb 4)

Total (9 wkts dec)

players for MCC match les against the winners of the European Cricketer Cup on July 17 and Transvaal on July 19, both at Lord's. YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCO HEBBARBS *T A Linut c Vingit: a Walsh 22
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"G B T Lovell not out ... 109
C L Keey c Dobson b Croft ... 6
S N Warley c Cowdrey b Dale ... 10
D Sandiford c Cowdrey b Dobson ... 1
H R Daves c Bishop b Dale ... 0
M Jeh not out ... 6
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 2) ... 4 Total (6 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-40, 3-62, 4-99, 5-106, 6-107. 5-107, 6-107, BOMLBNG: Frost 11-1-43-1; Kirnon 6-2-7-0, Croft 19-7-28-1; Foster 5-2-10-1; Dobson 15-6-42-1; Dale 9-2-21-2; Cottey 7-0-1-0. Umpres: D O Oslear and G A Suckley. Total ________ 2 07
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-49, 3-75, 4-6 18, 5-158, 6-159, 7-163, 8-176, 9-207. BOMLING: Radiord 22-2-86-3; Newport 23-5-69-4; Lampitt 9-0-35-2; Tolley 5-3 -2-0; Bingworth 9-2-10-1.

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G D Lloyd not out 34

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BOWLING. Fraser S-1-14-0; Taylor 7-0- 23-0; Emburey 7-2-25-1; Weekes 5-0-16 -1; Ramprakash 7-0-34-0, Roseberry 7-0-77 I-0, Headley 1-1-0-0

Second Innings

Total (9 wids) FALL OF WICKETS, 1-36, 2-40, 3-173 , 4-215, 5-242, 6-264, 7-305, 8-309, 9-30 9. 80/MUNG Momson 14-1-65-2; Martin 18-7-45-4, Watkinson 25-2-135-2, Barrier 1 7-0-38-0; Fletcher 2-0-13-1.

Umpires:) H Hams and V & Holder esults.9 Other metches Oxford U v Glam THE PARKS (third day of three! Out ord University drew with Glamorgan GLAMORGAN: First Immus 317 for 5 GE Plarnes 111, B D B Croft 51 not out, CS Cowdrey 50, P A Cottey 50) Second Innungs

Lenham: century

CORRECTION: Cambridge Unity v Kent, June 22: Cambridge first innings: J P Arsont 58 not out, not 30; Kent second innings, R P Davis 15, not 0 as previously published. Umpres: K.E. Palmer and A.G.T Whitehe, ad MIDDLESEX: First Innings 306 for 3 dec (M W Gatting 126 retired hurt, M R Ramprakash 69, BOWLING: Mortson 11 i-2-43-0; Martin 20-7-67-3; Watkinson 21 5-58-0; Fletcher 8-0-33-0; Barnett 12-1-51 8-0; Athenton 3-0-14-0) Second Innings
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M W Garting b Martin
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A R C Fraser not out
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Total (9 wics) 136 BOWNING Jeh 12-2-39-1; Macdonald 1-3-15-0, Gallian S-0-17-0; Davies S-0-4 1-1; Montgomene 3-0-22-0.

Scotland v Ireland DUNDEE (third day of three): Scotland drew SCOTLAND: First linkings 390 for 6 dec (G Salmond 118, I I, Philip 79, 8 M W Patterson 55) Second Innings

B M W Patterson c Watt b Lewis ... | I. Philip b Lewis 28 | 1 Everet c Wat b Hoey 20 | 5 Salmond not out 25 | "A B Russell not out 1 Extras (lb 1) Total (3 wkts dec) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-62, 3-100. Extras (lb 8, b 4, nb 1) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-41, 3-81, 4-158, 5-168, 6-248, 7-255, 8-272.
BCWLING: Thomson 13-1-55-1; Richardson 7-4-15-0, Govan 29-9-86-3, Shendan 16-4-42-0, Bee 13-2-39-1; Russell 10-4-27-2 TABLE

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join the leading group in the championship table. Oxford University's Austra-

lian captain Geoff Lovell made his maiden century to help his side to a draw against Glamorgan in the final match of the season in the Parks □ Ian Hutchinson, aged 27. the Middlesex batsman, has announced his retirement from first-class cricket. He played 27 matches for the county and scored 1.435 runs at an average of 34.16.

ATHLETICS

Patricks

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FROM DAVID POWELL

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN NEW ORLEANS

SANDRA Farmer-Patrick

whose racing outfits are as changing as her stride pat-terns, said: "If you look good

you feel good, if you feel good,

you run good." It was thus that a blue, gold and red

sequin top, a bare midriff and

an orange tutu accompanied

her on her way to the fastest

400 metres hurdles in the

world this year here on Sun-day. What would Wimbledon

Her latest kit, to use the

term loosely, comes complete with new hairstyle. She has

pinned down her black locks

and turned them into "a bun

with Shirley Temple curls". She got fed up with "the waterfall tree". But she re-

mains ungainly, but quick, in her running. If she had Sally

Gunnell's technique, proba-

record holder by now.

bly she would be the world

Who's complaining? The

third day of the United States

Olympic trials was a family

celebration as the Patricks. Sandra and David, became

the first husband-and-wife

duo for 32 years to qualify for

the team. Quite the reverse

from the last trials. She ran

out of her lane and he ran out

of his socks, but their fate was

Farmer-Patrick had a men-

tal aberration when, during

her race, she switched lanes,

thinking she was supposed to

be in five and finding herself

running in six, and was dis-

of five months, also a 400

metres hurdler, had run a lap

of honour after being told he

had finished third. When he

got back he was told he was

fourth. This time he made

sure, finishing second to

Kevin Young, but passed up

his right to the Olympic quali-

fiers' lap of honour. "I was

dead tired and couldn't take

another step," he said.

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FOOTBALL

Howe is likely to say farewell to Coventry City

DON Howe is on the verge of stepping down as Coventry City manager after just six months in the job. Howe, who took over the first team reins from Terry Butcher in January, is to meet with chairman Peter Robins this week to

discuss his future. Howe, aged 56, is believed to have found travelling the 150-mile round trip from his

home near Watford a strain. "It has been a big problem from the outset and something we have got to resolve," Robins said. "We have discussed it on a number of occasions and shall do so again this week. Don loves the club but the journey is a problem. We have talked about possible solutions and

we will have to see what

Robins said that although it was not definite that Howe would be leaving, his "gut feeling" was that he would not be at the club for the start of the season.

Howe was recently made joint-manager after the arrival of Bobby Gould. He was to have looked after the coaching side of the club while Gould attracted new talent to Highfied Road.

Howe guided Coventry to a Premier League place -with-our spending heavily and Robins viewed his partner-ship with Gould as the perfect combination for the club. The two had worked together at Wimbledon, when they won

Newcastle make late offer for Waddle

day made a late bid of £1.1 million for Chris Waddle. The club has faxed its offer, which includes the Czech goalkeeper, Pavel Smicek, in a package worth £1.1 million,

to Marseilles. However, it looks almost certain that Newcastle will be too late to clinch the return of their former striker, who has already pledged to join Shef-

field Wednesday. Crystal Palace yesterday completed the £225,000 signing of the Wigan central defender, Darren Patterson. Belfast-born Patterson, who agreed terms with the Palace manager, Steve Coppell, before a recent holiday in Spain. travelled to London to finalise the move and look at proper-

Tottenham Hotspur yesterday pushed their summer spending towards £5 million

CYCLING

'Lord' Reg

Harris

dies, 72

war track sprinting gained

him five world titles, died

yesterday in hospital at Mac-

world title four times between 1949 and 1954. In 1974, at

the age of 54, he returned to competition to demonstrate how British sprinting had deteriorated since his

teriorated since his retirement.

He made his point, beating Trevor Bull in the final of the

national 1,000 metres sprint

championship, 30 years after

winning his first amateur

utte.

Harris beat Jan Derksen.

of Holland, to take his first of four professional titles in 1949. Yesterday Derksen said: "Harris was special. We will all called him the British land.

dedicated sportsman."

all called him the British lord.

He was a fair rival and a

fee they picked up from Lazio

for Paul Gascoigne. A Football League transfer tribunal ruled that the Southend full back, Dean Austin, would cost the White Hart Lane club a maximum £525,000 fee — if he wins a

full England cap. Spurs will have to pay a £375,000 downpayment for Austin, aged 22, plus £50,000 after 25 appearances, another £50,000 after 50 and a further £50,000 if he becomes a full

international. Tottenham have already signed the Portsmouth forward, Darren Anderton, for a £2 million fee, plus Paul Walsh, and the Gillingham forward, Peter Beadle, for

Barrett to

box for

world title

Pat Barrett will face Man-

ning Galloway for the World Boxing Organisation welter-weight title on July 25. Promoter Frank Warren

yesterday received confirma-

tion of the bout for Barrett in

his home city of Manchester, either at the G-Mex Centre or

the Free Trade Hall. Three

previous attempts to stage the

Yachting: Yves Parlier, the

French solo yachtsman com-

pening in the Europe 1 trans-

Atlantic race, has knocked more than a day off the monohull record in the 60ft

Acolac d'Aquitaine, complet-

ing the 3,000-mile crossing

from Plymouth in 14 days

Vail, Colorado, for the annual

Foothall: The former Hun-

garian international and World Cup finalist, Gyula

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION

2 Cumbertand v Seaford
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Obimary, page 15 | Polgar, has died, aged 80.

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION

1 Boronia v Geelong 1 Cranb me y Mornington 1 Karingal v Hawthom 1 Pasc Vale v Heidelberg X Rosanna v Yarraville 1 S Wentbee v Langwith

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION

2 Brandon Pk v Berwick 1 Friteton U v Brunsw'k C 2 Knox Park v Lalor 2 Springvale C v Metton X West Vale v E Altona 1 Williamstown v F Hill X Yalkeum v Mahvern

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION

and 16 hours.

contest were cancelled.

£150,000. Neil Ruddock, the Southampton central defender, is expected to cost another Ei million-plus when a tribunal to leave just £500,000 of the rules on his fee next month.

the FA Cup, and Queen's Park Rangers. They seemed to welcome the chance to join forces at Coventry and at a first press conference there was no hint the partnership would split before a ball was

Adrian Cook, the long-serving Wimbledon secretary, is quitting to join the Premier League. Cook, aged 58, has been with Wimbledon for 16 years and was the man be-hind the scenes as they climbed from the Southern League in 1976-7 to the first division elite in the space of

ten seasons. He is becoming assistant secretary of the Premier League at the start of next month, with responsibility for general administration including registrations and

'It will be a wrench to leave Wimbledon, but this is an opportunity and challenge I couldn't afford to turn down," Cook said yesterday.

Armchair soccer fans were promised yesterday that there would be no double payment structure for next season's inaugural Premier League programme. But when the time right, Premier League bosses will ask stay-at-home supporters to outlay up to £10 week to watch the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United. That is on top of the £5.99 a month bill they face following Sky Sport's decision to become a subscription channel.

Cash accummulated from pay-per-view will be split equally between BSkyB and the Premier League. It could eventually amount to a £20 million distribution to the clubs in a season.

The decision to quit the Football League to join the Premier League has meant a cash bonanza for clubs, with BSkyB and the BBC paying £304 million for exclusive coverage over the next five years.

one-way traffic By Rex Bellamy

Court 14

hosts

THERE are lots of rally-free matches in the men's singles at Wimbledon. Many of them feature men built like telegraph poles with arms. Yesterday one such match and one such man dominated court 14, the pride of north Wimbledon, for less than an hour and a quarter. If we are to believe the statistical estimates, that amounted to about ten minutes of play amid ritualistic trivia that had no bearing on the

essential business of the day. One uses the word tennis in a loose sense. Goran Ivanisevic beat Lars Koslowski 6-2, 6-2, 6-3, a score slightly flattering to Koslowski.

Ivanisevic won his first three service games to love and reached 40-0 in the next before serving a double fault as if he was suddenly afflicted by the quality of mercy, which no longer has any place in the ethics of professional tennis.

That was how it went on The main threat to Ivanisevic came from within: the possibility that with the points coming his way so easily he might join the mentally

ivanisevic, aged 20, is a left-handed Croatian who rises 6ft 4in above the earth's crust and, when serving, presumably explores climatic variations. In 1990 he advanced to the semi-finals in the dismissive company of Boris Becker.

Koslowski, four months older but a child in terms of grass-court experience, has Polish associations. He comes from somewhere called Vellmar. Even Germans, including our old friend Wilhelm Bungert, are vague about its location.

Kosłowski played in Ger-many on Sunday and yesterday's match there was deferred for two hours so that he could rush across to test himself against grass and Ivanisevic. One hopes he learned something, bêcause he had nothing to teach the Croatian.

The course of the match suggested that Koslowski might be useful on slower surfaces. There were mo-



ments in the second half of the match when he was allowed to show a neat touch. It was as if he had been offered a dish of caviar half-

way through a famine. The rugged-looking Koslowski is no pigmy, but for the most part everything happened too quickly for him. In the seventh game he produced a sideline ace, by stealth rather than power. Ivanisevic examined the

mark in disbelief, then

YESTERDAT'S RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

K Braasch (Ger) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3. 3-6, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

S E Davis (US) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

F Roig (Sp) bt C Maniusel (Arg), 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

grinned, as if reluctantly accepting his role as a victim of the three-card trick.

That apart, Ivanisevic served aces as if casually banging in nails, and fed greedily on Koslowski's service, blasting away on the forehand and using the German's pace, such as it was, to add penetration to a chipped backhand.

Ivanisevic's long legs and long arms took him to all the

points with time to spare. At the net, he was like a wandering wall, leaning this way and that as if at the mercy of an

At times, Ivanisevic looked a pipe-opener, an unde-manding preparation for the

relevant Ordnance Survey

G IVANISEVIC (Cro) bt L Koslowski (Ger), 6-2, 6-3

M Woodforde (Aus) bi J Siemenink (Holf), 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5

unwilling wind.

a little self-conscious, as if embarrassed by the facility of his demolition work. For him, the match goes down as days when he will have to take punches as well as

6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. B Stankovic (Cz) bt A L Foster (GB). 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 N Kuttı (Swe) bt G López (Sp), 6-0, 6-0.

6-1 H Holm (Swe) bt G Doyle (Aus), 6-3, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. P McEnroe (US) bt F Montana (US), 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 S EDBERG (Swe) bt S Bryan (US), 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

Women's singles

First round

M SELES (Yug) bt J M Byrne (Aus), 6-2,

o-∠ S Appelmans (Bel) bi M Babel (Ger). 5-0, 6-2

), 6-2 [AUZIAT (Fr) bi B Schultz (Holl), 6-4.

Medvedeva (Ukr) bt C J Wood (GB),

N Provis (Aus) bi W Probet (Ger), 6-0,

63 R Zrubakova (C2) bt K Oeljeklaus (Ger), 6-1, 6-1 B Rittner (Ger) bt T S Whitlinger (US), 6-4, 6-1 Y Basuki (Indo) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-2,

E. Helgeson (US) bt F Li (China), 6-1.

6-2.

S Hack (Ger) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-3, 1-6, 12-10.

A HUBER (Ger) bt L Ferrando (ft), 6-4, 6-4.

MALEEVA (Bul) bt C Hall (GB), 6-2,

6-2.

M M Bollegral (Holb) bt C D Wegink (Holb), 6-1, 5-2.

A L Grunfeld (GB) bt S Meier (Ger), 4-6, 6-2, 5-4.

M Endo (Japan) bt B Fulco-Villella (Arg), 5-1, 5-2.

A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 6-3, 7-6.

Winner £240,000 Runner-up £120,000

Holder: \$ Gral (Ger)

After watching his wife win in 53.62sec, Patrick was under even greater pressure to qualify 15 minutes later. "I told myself: 'Don't mess up this thing; we've got a good thing going here, don't mess up'." Keeping his cool in 95°F, he ran 48.01

In the scrap for Barcelona medals. Patrick will as likely be in there with Kriss Akabusi as his wife will be with Gunnell. The marginal favourites for gold are Tatyana Ledovskaya, of the CIS, and Samuel Matete, of Zambia, but their main threats come from the United States and Britain. Neither Briton needs to

prove anything in the British trials this weekend, but the sudden-death US system leaves no room for error. "To me, first is like third, because the object is to make the team," Patrick said. Farmer-Patrick took out

her 1988 trials failure on her own bank account. "I was so depressed I ran up a 900-dollar phone bill in the next month," she said. This year the saving is enough to call her kit designer and order another new outfit. ☐ The International Amateur Athletic Federation said

yesterday that it would announce at lunchtime today the decision of its council on whether Butch Reynolds, the 400 metres world record holder who is serving a twoyear suspension for an alleged drugs violation, would be cleared to run in the US Olympic trials here later in

A Thoms (Ger) bt T Witsken (US), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2. I LENDL (Cz) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-1, 7-8, 7-6. A VOLKOV (CIS) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-2, 4-5, 8-2. B Stankpier (Cz) bt A L Eneter (GR) Men's singles P SAMPRAS (US) bt A Cherkesov (CIS), 6-1, 6-3, 6-3. M Larsson (Swe) bt J Frana (Arg), 6-3, 7-6, 6-4. T A Woodbridge (Aus) bt F Roese (Br) 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Naewie (Ger), 8-3, 7-6, 6-4. M STICH (Ger) bt S Pescosolido (it). 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Winner £265,000 Runner-up £132,500

Holder M Stich (Ger)

J COURIER (US) bt M Zoecke (Ger), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. B Black (Zm) bt F Fonlang (Fr), 6-2, 7-5, 8-1.

sense of the previous struggles of Kevin Cadle's squad. With the starting five of Byrd, Hub-bard, Millar, Henlan and Bucknall collecting early baskets, Britain leapt into a 19-10 lead, only to become complacent and allow the Estonians recover to 27-5. The second of two time-

Cadle seemed to do the trick, however, and by half-time when they trailed 39-36. Such was Britain's later command, achieved most sig-

nificantly by Hubbard's three-point shooting, Henlan's tip-ins and the resilience of Bucknall, that only the winning margin re-mained in doubt. Tonight's match against Lithuania will be harder for Britain.

BASKETBALL

after scare Badajoz: From the unprom-ising situation of 13 points adrift, Great Britain opened

mately completed with such

Lacrosse: The England men's squad preparing for the 1994 World Cup under their captain, Mark Hodkin, together with an over-35 team, are flying out tomorrow to the American ski resort at

Britain in command

The state of the s

their programme in the Olympic qualifying tourna-ment here with a comprehensive 85-68 victory over Estonia (Nicholas Harling Britain's success was ulti-

conviction that it made a non-

outs in three minutes by

MOTOCROSS

SWINDON: World 250cc championship: First rece: 1, R Herring (GB), Honds; 2, R Moore (US), Yamahs; 3, Past Malin (GB) Kawaseki. Second rece: 1, Moore; 2, D Schmil (US), Yamahs; 3, T Parker (US), Honde: Third rece: 1, Schmit; 2, Moore; 3, M Fanton (II). Overall: 1, Moore 54ps; 2, Schmil 37:3, Patter 37. World standings (after six mids): 1, Schmit 223; 2, Patter 193; 3, A Puzzer (II), 188.

First round

7-5, 6-1.
M Damm (Cz) bt C Pricham (Can), 6-4.
6-4, 6-4.
C Pioline (Fr) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-3, 3-6.
6-3, 7-5.
J Hasek (Switz) bt M Schapers (Holl),
6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
R CORIO (C) by C Paradesis (Piolin),
6-4, 6-3, 6-2. P KORDA (Cz) bt C Bergstrom (Sws), 7-5, 7-6, 6-4.

HIS results may suggest oth-

erwise but Ivan Lendl still

believes he can get back into the elite of world tennis. "I

still feel that once I can turn it

around I am going to go back

up in the rankings," Lendl, who has slumped to a 13-year-low of No. 11 in the

The 32-year-old Czechoslo-

vak had a confidence-boost-

ing win yesterday, beating Patrick Kühnen, the German

who defeated him in the sec-

ond round at Queen's Club

two weeks ago, 6-1, 7-6, 7-6.

But he showed almost suicid-

al tendencies at times, espe-

world list, said.

A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Grabb (US), 7-6, 7-5, 6-4. B GILBERT (US) bt J P Fleurian (Fr), 62, 63, 6-2. S Youl (Aus) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-3, 0-1 ret. C Costa (Sp) bt C A Limberger (Aus), 6-1, 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

M Rosset (Switz) bt A L Richardson (GB), 6-2, 6-4, 8-4. M R J Petchey (GB) bt D Randall (US), 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 S Stolle (Aus) bt K Novacek (Cz), 7-5, 6-6 ret. Lendl aims to turn back years BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

> points of the second-set tiebreak on double faults. On his form leading up to Wimbledon, few would back Lendl to go all the way here. None would deny that Lendl was once a great player. He held the world No. 1 spot for a total of 269 weeks, longer than any other man in history, won the US and French Opens three times each and the Australian Open twice. But since surrendering the top ranking in August 1990. Lendl has enjoyed little

> cially in throwing away two

success. This year, he has lasted

FOR THE RECORD

until the quarter-finals in only four of the 13 tournaments he has played and has lost five times in his opening round. But Lendl still insists the loss of form is only temporary

and is nothing to do with

advancing age. "It is not that I can't make it come right," he said. "I think I will make it come right. It is a little bit frustrating but it happens to everyone. Some slumps are deeper and some slumps are longer. If I can turn it around I think I have an outside chance." He next faces Arne Thoms, of Germany, ranked No. 122 in the world.

CYCLING

MIDI LIBRE: Bercelona: Final stage (127ton time trial): 1, V Elomov (CS), 15mm 25.85eec; 2, J Svorada (C2), et 25eec, 3, F Meassen (Hofi), et 28; 4, J Hatupczok (Pof), et 36; 5, M Wauter (Bel), et 38; 6, J Simon (Fr), et 31; 6, J Simon (Fr), et 31; 7, I Simon, et 31; 6, J Simon (Fr), et 31; 7, I Simon, et 31; 4, Simon, et 11; 135; 12 Simon, et 11; 135; 135; 135; 135; 135; 134; 6, Simon, et 11; 135; 134; 6, L Siondi (Fr), et 11; 135; 134; 6, L Siondi (Fr), et 11; 135; 134; 6, L Siondi (Neth), Seec 5, Hakupczok, et 13; 13; 134; 6, L Siondi (Neth), Seec 5, Hakupczok, et 13; 13; 6, Siondi (Neth), Seec 5, Hakupczok, et 13; 13; 134; 6, L Siondi (Neth), Seec 5, L Mondi (Manzon (II); 5, R Aklag (Ger), 6, A d. Baeco (III), 25hr 11min 55eac; 2, G Bugno (II), et 31sec; 3, S Roche (III), et 44; 4, F Jeker (Switz), et 11; 135; 13; 13; 14; 6, B Zwerg (Switz), et 11; 23; 13; LE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL WEEK Williaston Handicap (S2 miles); 1, S Median (Fr), thr 25min 35eac; 2, R Woolea (GB Development Squad); 4, J Jauregui (Fr); 5, H van Nejuwantuyse (Bel); 5, A Roche (Liverpool Mercury); at same time. Onchan Cup Junior race (38 amiles); 1, O Micklethweits (Raversthorpe CC), thr 48min 05eac; 2, S Roger (Scot), at 1196, 3, S McQueen (Scot), at 1min 04eec; 4, M Middleton (Kritby CC), at 139; 5, J Chapman (Paragon RT); 6, D Pegg (Kenstworth Wh), et same time

74, 73, 70. British; L. Davies, 74, 72, 75. SONY WORLD FIANKINGS: 1, F. Couples (US), 18.17pts; 2, N. Faldo (Eng). 17.00; 3, J-M. Olazábal (Sp). 14.44; 4, I. Woosnam (Wales), 13.28; 5, B. Langer (Ger), 12.44; 6, S. Ballesteros (Sp), 11.90; 7, G. Norman (Aus), 11.51; 8, D. Love til (US), 10.72; 9, P. Azinger (US), 9.96; 10, T. Kite (US), 9.98; 10, T. Kite (US), 9.98; 11, M. McNulty (Zm), 8.49; 12, M. O'Meera (US), 9.45; 13, P. Stewart (US), 9.01; 14, I. Baker-Finch (Aus), 8.59; 15, R. Floyd, 8.40; 16, B. Letzke (US), 8.33; 17, R. Davis (Aus), 7.86; 18, C. Beck (US), 7.85; 19, C. Parry (Aus), 7.83; 20, J. Cook (US), 7.67.

VOLLEYBALL WORLD LEAGUE: Group A: United States 3, CIS 2 (at St Petersburg), Group C: Italy 3, Brazil 0 (at Turin)

EVENING RACING

Going: good to firm (good in straight) 6.35 (1m 2/ 7yd) 1, ideal Candidate (G Carter, 20-1); 2, Great Impostor (10-1); 3, Trendy Austioneer (16-1); 4, Chew II Over (20-1) Standennthestrand 13-2 fev. 25 ran. 44, lbf. C Cyzer Tote: £59.20, £11.30, £2.70, £4.90, £4.40. DF: £230.70. CSF: £227, £5.90, £4.40. DF: £230.70. CSF: £227, £1.00, £1.10, £1 2227 95 Tricast 13,043.69: 7.00 (51 10yd) 1, Joyofracing (Pat Edder), 2-7 tav); 2, True Procision (\$3-1); 3, Aliez Bianco (\$3-1); 11 na. 1/si, 6. W O'Gorman, Tole. 51.40, 51.00, 59.50, 59.80. DF: £22.70. CSF: £14 46.

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BOWLS

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PADDINGTON: Westminster Classic:
Semi-finate: J Bell (Cumbra) bt G Smith
(Kent), 15-11; G Smyth (Micdar) bt S
Halmal (Micdar), 15-11. Final: Bell bt
Smyth, 15-8.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE OPEN: Singlas: First round: T Duggan (Drotwich)
bt R Poynter (Abergavenny), 21-10, A
Mines (Bisstol St George) bt J W Bates
(Astboombe), 21-13, K Balley (Holt) bt F
Moore (Biromsgrave), 21-8; E Vowles
(Rediand Green) bt H Smith (Victoria,
Weston-super-Mare), 21-16; P G Brimble
(Knowle) bt G Stephens (Victoria Park,
Bristol), 21-11; F Joyes (Ashcombe) bt D
Williams (Victoria, Weston-super-Mare), 21-14; P Coles (Bristol) bt D Bourcher
(Paignton), 21-11.

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ATHLETICS

NEW ORLEANS: US Olympic trials:
Men: 400m hurdes: 1, K Young, 47.89; 2, D Patrick, 48.01; 3, M Neai, 49.52. Pote vault: 1, T Bright, 5.80m; 2, D Volz, 5.80; 3, K Tarpenning, 5.80. Triple jump: 1, C Sampkins, 17.86; 3, M Conley, 17.89; 3, J Tillman, 17.25; Javelin: 1, T Putatys, 79.98m; 2, M Barnett, 78.22; 3, B Crouser, 77.90. Women: 800m; 1, J Clark, 1 min 58.47sec; 2, J Jenkins, 159.15; 3, M Rainey, 159.18. Hepturition: 1, J Joynes-Kersea, 8.635pts; 2, C Greiner, 8.222; 3, K Carter, 6.200.

CORBY: Lean Culatine Garnea (England v Australia): Men: 100m; D Marnet (Aus), 10.40, 200m; D Cumpbel (Eng), 20.92, 400m; 1, M Richardson (guest), 45.95; 2, D Redmond (Eng), 48.15, 800m; D Sharpe (Eng), 148.81, Miller: D Kibet (guest), 3.58.08, 13, 8 Cram (Eng), 407:97, 110m hurdless; 1, H Teape (Eng), 407:97, 110m hurdless; 1, H Teape (Eng), 13.61; 2, J Ridgeon (Eng), 18.95m, Harmer; S Carlin (Aus), 72.84m, Women; 100m; M Galinstond (Aus), 11.47, 200m; Gainstond, 22.97, 100m hurdless; 1, Lux, 100m; Luddess; 1, Lux, 200m; Gainstond, 22.97, 100m hurdless; 1, Lux, 100m; Luddess; 1, Lux, 100m; CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Baiderton:
Derbyshire 301-8 (T J G O'Gorman 137):
Nottinghamshre 277 (M Newell 72 not
out). Derbyshire won by 24 runs.
Bradford: Leicestershire 220-9 (M I
Gidley 60, R P Gofton 60); Yorkshire 221-5
(B Parker 84). Yorkshire won by five
wickets. The Ovas: Surrey 222-8 (P O
Atkins 101; A G J Fraser 4-43); Essex 148
(I A Greig 4-23). Surrey won by 76 runs.
Worcesters Worcestershire 233-5 (A C H
Seymour 70); Gloucesiershire 179.
Worcestershire won by 54 runs.
MINOR COUNTIES CMAMPIONSHIP:
Neston: Wales 278 (B Metcast 78; J F M
O'Brien 4-69) and 118 (G Miller 8-29);
Cheshire 208-3 dec (I Cockbain 87, T
Bestock 67) and 104 (A Smith 6-22),
Wales won by 84 runs Bourner Linconshire 199 (M A Fell 60) and 18-0;
Cambridgeshire 161. Heniow: Northumberland 17-5 dec (J A Benn 59) and 18-0;
Cambridgeshire 168-4 dec (R G Blair 65, N G
Folland 50 not out), Swindon: Willahire
28-8 dec (R R Sevage 120 not out);
Ondordshire 140-8 (D R Pite 4-35);
Shrawebury: Herefordshire 174-6 dec.
Camborne: Devon 288-2 dec (N R
Geywood 125, N A Folland 107 not out);
Comwall 300-5 (R T Walton 127 not out);
Blackburn 59) NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cutos 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2, Pittsburgh Firates 5, Montreal Expos 4, New York Mets 6, St Louis Cardinals 2, Atlanta Braves 2, Cincinneti Rode 6; Houston Astros 2, Los Angelse Dodgers 0, San Francisco Gunta 1, San Diego Padres 0 (in 11 innings). East división

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins
5, Seattle Menners C, Milwaukee Browers
4, Cleveland Indians 2: Chicago Write
Sox 8, Detroit Tigers 5; Kennas City
Royals 2, Toronto Bue Jeye 0; Celifornia
Angels 4, Cakland A's 2; New York
Yankees 8, Beltimore Ortoles 2; Texas
Rangers 3, Boston Rad Sox 2.

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Celifornia Angels ... 30 37 448 9
Seattle Mariners ... 29 39 426 1095
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CRICKET: Rapid Cricketiine second XI championship: Rocester: Derbyshire v Kart. Shiktor: Durham v Warwickehine. Leigh-on-Sea: Essex v Hampehire. Pontandulais; Glamorgen Sussax. Harriww: Maddlesex v Worcestershire. Prestord: Yorkshire v Leicastershire. CYCLING: Sootish Provident League (Beitest); iste of Man International week. POLO: Warwelschire Cup (Cirencester). TENNIS: All Engand championships (Minibadon).

HERSHEY. Pennsylvania: Women's tournament: Final leading scores (US unless stated). 208: D Ammaccapene, 68, 71, 69 210: M Spencer-Devlin, 69, 73, 58: L West, 69, 71, 70; N Lopez, 70, 67, 73 212. L Kean, 58, 75, 71; H Steey, 71, 67, 74, 213: M Mackai, 73, 71, 69, 215: D Androws, 70, 72, 73; C Walker, 70, 72, 73; R Jones, 70, 71, 74, 216: H Alfredsann (Swe), 74, 71, 71; G Mul, 71, 72, 73; D Baldwin, 70, 73, 73, 217; N Write (Cen),

Botham is no longer able to roll back the years



BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE Sunday of the 1992 Lord's Test will be fondly remembered for many things great and good. It may also be more sadly remembered, as the last day of a monumental Test career.

It was in some ways the sort of day on which lan Botham might like it all to end. A gripping Test match, played on the ground where his career was launched as a groundstaff boy, climaxed in a maze of possible outcomes and a mass of heroics.

However, in personal terms, he will have dreaded

demeaningly as it now threatens to do.

Botham's outrageous talent has so often thrived on occasions of great drama and conflict. But on Sunday he was little more than a passenger, conspicuous only by size, sunglasses and the fickle desertion of those gifts of resilience and reflex, athleticism and audacity, which once he was able to take for

As one who watched his first Test, 15 years ago, and the great majority of the 101 he has played since, I find this as hard to write as he will find it hard to digest. The fact is, however, that

toli. Botham may still be 21 at heart but, on the field, he is now showing his 37th year all too plainly. He can still give an occa-

sional reprise of a favourite old song, such as the diving third-slip catch on Saturday afternoon which he cannot entirely have clutched from memory. But too often now. he looks laboured, not only in the field but with bat or ball in his hand.

Since being recalled to play his hundredth Test in Wellington in February. Botham has scored 24 runs in four Test innings. In the two Tests of this series, he has scored eight runs and failed to take a wicket. He

has held two catches but dropped four, at least three of which he would have been expected to pouch routinely

in his prime. Go back further and the statistics still dama him. He has not made a century for 16 Tests, nor taken five wickets in an innings for 14. In the respective interims, he has a batting average of 18 and a bowling average of 51. In his heyday, one might have swapped the figures

There were, however, still days in that period when Botham inspired without need of an outstanding contribution, when the England team was motivated simply by his presence and his self-

This, and the sorry truth that England have not uncovered anyone able to do his all-rounder's job and give the team proper balance, has extended his career to general rejoicing, for it cannot be doubted that the Botham factor has long been an intangible plus for any

Well. on Sunday it wasn't. On Sunday, sad to relate. there was not a scrap of evidence on which the selectors could justifiably retain their most celebrated player and all too much on which they could dismiss him. It was no disgrace for Botham to fail

with the bat, even for the second time in the match, for in each innings he was undone by the sort of snorthas trademarked. But the manner of his going betrayed slowed reactions and they will now never improve.

Just as disturbing is that he was not able to bowl or. if he was, Gooch did not feel able to trust him. Botham had been hit on the toe while batting, adding to continuing concern over the groin strain which, had he been anyone else, would probably have discounted him from

Gooch had faith in Botham and treated him dif-

ferently from others. He has done this before, as recently as in the winter tour selection, when Botham's pantomime scason was contentiously accommodated, He has been given special status and, in the past, he has mented it.

Those days are gone. All that is left is a cricketer well past his physical and psy-chological prime. Botham is special, now, only in the memories we all treasure of him and, if England's selectors retain him for next week's third Test, it will be done for nostalgic rather than realistic reasons.

Surrey lose, page 38

Top players progress without alarms

Stich enjoys a happy return to centre court

By Andrew Longmore TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE ordeal was not as bad as Michael Stich had anticipated. It was all over in 91 minutes and the Wimbledon champion, who had spent much of the year preparing for the moment of his return to the centre court, can breathe a fraction more easily after a routine 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 win over Stefano Pescosolido

of Italy. One down, six to go. Stich's comfortable passage was matched by Jim Courier and Stefan Edberg, the top two seeds, who dropped a total of 11 games between them in reaching the second round. The American cut the 6ft 5in Markus Zoecke down to size with the ease and efficiency of a lumberjack and Edberg administered a more graceful but equally stern tutorial on the art of grass-court tennis to a freshman, Steve Bryan, formerly of the University of Texas. "I don't think he was entirely on top of his game," Bryan said. "But he was still two levels above me."

The low bounce and soft courts, traditional conditions for the first few days, did not help the cause of those learning as they went along. Ger-

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Rex Bellamy, page 39 Results. page 39

man Lopez, a Spaniard making his debut on grass, had barely blinked before he was on his way back to the locker-room, the first loser in the men's singles, beaten 6-0, 6-0, 6-1 by Nicklas Kulti, a former Wimbledon junior

champion. Lopez was on his way back home to Barcelona well before Stich strode onto the centre court to begin the defence of his title in bright sunshine. Pescosolido was not quite the ideal opening opponent, but his grass-court record would not caused the champion too much of a

flutter. "I tried not to think back to last year. I was nervous going back on there, because I wanted to prove that I can win on centre court again,"

ever yearn for the *real* thing?

Stich said. "It would look bad to lose the opening match as defending champion." He opened with an ace, which would have calmed his nerves, and once he had broken the Italian to lead 3-2 in the opening set, he was in no danger of embarrassment.

Last year, his victory was based on the quality of his service and his backhand returns. Both were in evidence vesterday, 13 aces and a series of passes reminding Pescosolido that he was on foreign soil, far away from his favourite day courts. In contrast to the fourth seed, the Italian served with an air of boredom and it was not long before Stich had found the range on his returns. One double-fault gave the champion a break point in the fifth game, another a set point. Stich took the first with a forehand pass and a ciench of the fist, the second with a forehand volley. In return, Pescosolido — the name does indeed mean "big fish" only had two points to break in the whole match. There will be harder days than this to come, but Stich was pleased that the first hurdle had been jumped safely.

"It's a nice feeling being on the show court. It's also an advantage if you play against guys who haven't been on centre or number one courts before. It's a different atmo-sphere," he said. Stich now meets Amos Mansdorf, a more seasoned campaigner. in the second round.

Also through to the second round in double-quick time came Goran Ivanisevic and Pete Sampras, two potential champions. The Croat took just 72 minutes to beat Lars Koslowski and the American. the No. 5 seed, made it four straight first-round defeats at Wimbledon for Andrei Cherkasov of the CIS, while Ivan Lendl, who journeys to the courts by bicycle these days, reversed his Queen's Club defeat by Patrik Kuhnen, winning 6-1, 7-6, 7-6

The women's singles also went much according to form, with victories for Monica Seles and Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario, the top seeds on view, and it was a good day for the home players. Chris Wilkinson, Mark Petchey and Amanda Grunfeld all reaching the second round.



Double-handed drive: Grunfeld on her way to beating Meier yesterday

Petchey grows in confidence

BY ALIX RAMSAY

FOR two weeks every year, the nation's hopes are pinned to the backs of the British players at Wimbledon. Given the pressure put on them, it will come as no surprise to

learn that they hate the place. But for three of them, at least, they are looking at the All England Club with newfound affection. Mark Petchey, Amanda Grunfeld and Chris Wilkinson all reached the second round vesterday.

Petchey's 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 win over Dave Randall, of the United States, was due in no small part to a quick chat with Pete Terry, a sports psychologist at the Lawn Tennis

Learning not to get upset and dwell on errors, he showed a newly acquired confidence, ignored the loss of early breaks in the first two sets and dealt with the irritation of losing the third to concentrate on the job in hand. Serving well and volleying cleanly, the job was soon

"My problem is more mental than the way I hit the ball." he said. "Pete has helped me make a positive reaction to every point and not worry about what has

Grunfeld's victory over Silke Meier, of Germany, was not so straightforward. She fought back from a set down in a fraught baseline struggle before winning 4-6. 6-2, 6-4.

Grunfeld regards herself as a battler and knew that she only had to dig in to win. She had to pick her moment, missing four match points and losing a 5-1 lead in the third set before closing out

Wilkinson had to overcome severe stage fright to earn his win over Gianluca Pozzi. He was easily in control to win the first two sets 6-3, 6-3 before the jitters set in.

Suddenly, he could do nothing right. The service returns went awry and the volleys hit the net.

But Wilkinson is made of stern stuff and, despite play-ing a man ranked 102 places higher than himself, he spiced his game with a sprinkling of stunning backhand returns to turn the match again and win 6-3, 6-3, 2-6.

Andrew Richardson, aged 18, the youngest man in the tournament, probably had the worst possible start to his Wimbledon career. Marc Rosset had more ammunition than him and won 6-2, 6-

England players let off lightly by match referee

By Alan Lee

THE England cricketers left Lord's on Sunday evening deflated of spirit and diminished of pocket. They had lost a Test match and then been fined £330 per man for bowling their overs too slowly.

But if their consolation for the former lay in a stirring comeback against Pakistan. they also knew they would have been giving back more than half their week's wages but for a piece of adjudication which took fairness to the borders of generosity.

It is one of the functions of the match referee, in this case the Australian. Bob Cowper. to apply the new and ostensibly tough International Cricket Council (ICC) legislation on slow over-rates. Taken at face value, a team failing to bowl an average of 15 overs per hour over the course of the game is fined five per cent of its match fee oer over short. In practice, it is neither so straightforward nor, argu-

ably, so satisfactory.
The Lord's Test was remarkable for many things, over-rate. The totting-up showed that England fell 11.69 overs short of the requirement and Pakistan five. But England were only fined for three lost overs and Pakistan escaped any penalty at

Cowper reported that he

took three mitigating factors into account. The unusually long distance between the Lord's dressing-room and the pitch apparently wiped off Pakistan's shortfall and England benefited from further deductions for the movement of the sightscreen and the undeniably tense finish.

The outcome is that Cowper saved each Englishman almost £1,000 on grounds which could be thought firmsy. Sightsereen movement is part of the game, while two minutes are already allowed for each wicket taken, quite enough to negate the Lord's

While the finish demanded care and time from Graham Gooch, he has himself said in the past that the 15-overs requirement did not seem excessive.

The ICC fining system is laudable in theory, as a means of ensuring the public receives value for money, but it will be exposed as toothless bureaucracy unless it is strictly applied. At Lord's, the exa spectator will have noticed the over-rate, much less been aggrieved by it, but this will not always be the case and indications so far are that the players know they can get away with it.

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Cram's firm goes into liquidation

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE sportswear retailing company owned by Steve Cram and his wife, Karen. has gone into voluntary liquidation and will hold a meeting of creditors in London on Thursday.

It is the second blow this week for Cram, the world mile record holder and former world and European 1.500 metres champion: on Sunday, he dropped out of contention for the Olympic Games after finishing thirteenth in a low-key race in Corby. He was troubled by a groin strain during the winter and on Sunday he said he

had been feeling "lethargic". Touche Ross, a firm of licensed insolvency practitioners, has been instructed by the Crams company. Breathless Ltd. to call a meeting of about 25 creditors who come from Britain, France, Germany and Denmark. Between them they are owed between £50,000 and

Breathless has been retailing for six years and employs four or five people in Newcastle, where the Crams live. Karen is the sole director of the company. The only shareholders are the Crams.

The company secretary. John Hockey, has acted as Cram's agent during his 13year international career. Noone was available for comment at the firm yesterday. Cram is not the first of

Britain's great middle-distance runners whose sportswear companies have got into difficulties. In 1984 Oven Ltd went into voluntary liquida-tion, with 34 creditors being owed £37,700.

In August 1986 Ovett Sports Ltd. the successor to Over Ltd. ceased trading after a series of complaints about punctuality and the

For sale: one 1992 gruntometer, hardly used

to the curious incident of Monica Seles grunting at Wimbledon. Monica Seles did not grunt at Wimbledon. That was the curious incident.

Seles is the past-mistress of a publicity tease: remember how she went underground before last Wimbledon and sparked a worldwide whereis-Monica campaign that upstaged most of the first week?

Now, with the Brits again ready to savour that Monica erunt in full - a fearsome sound that is halfway between a lioness celebrating a kill and the war-cry of the hvena - she outsmarted us all and remained silent.

were agog for a major grunt story. They had both set themselves on courtside with a "gruntometer" - actually a decibel-measuring machine. Write your own headline: Louder Than A Harley-Davidson: An InterCity 125; A Jumbo Jet At Take-off. But

Monica grunted not. While she was not grunting, Seles beat Jenny Byrne. of Australia, 6-2, 6-2. Seles never found her demonically consistent length, but she was never much troubled either. So let us talk about grunting a little more.

"it's part of my game. I'm not doing it on purpose. I'm trying to get rid of it, I don't like doing it, but it's real hard. Two British newspapers you know." There was Seles. Steffi or Gaby."



rattling all this stuff out at 300 words a minute: a stat recorded by a stenographer. rather than a gruntometer. She has always sounded like

rather like her as well. "I'm not really aware that I'm doing it." she said, answering, yes, another grunting question. "I wasn't really aware that I was not grunting in this match today, but then it was not that tough a match. it was not like I was playing

Olive Oyl, but now she has

dyed her hair black and looks

She did not make a sound until she played break point in the fourth game, and that was little more than a vocalised exhalation. But perhaps grunting is necessary to someone who has grunted since she was 11, as one imagines that barking is nec-

essary to a Rottweiler. Certainly there were moments when her timing was well off: she was a little off her game, as she was off her grunt. But in the sixth game, we got the first diagnostic Seles double-grunt: huhversion of the real thing, but now it was accompanying most of the winners she hit with those vicious short-arm jabs she plays instead of tennis strokes, double-fisted on both flanks: huh-ìhhh!

"It's not fair, picking on me, a lot of other players do it," Seles said. Yes, this was another grunting question. "And there are players just as loud as me in junior tournaments. H's not why you win or why you lose, it's not a thing to be focused on, there are so many more important things.

But isn't it frightfully unfeminine, Monica?

"Tennis has grace, tennis also has power. You gotta play power tennis. It doesn't matter about grunting, it's more important to play great tennis."

The girl Seles has a point here. The grunt may be an unnattractive affectation, but she can play tennis all right Yesterday she won her Joth consecutive grand slam singles match. Don't bet against her making it 49 by the end of

the year: a full grand slam Don't bet against seeing Seles in her pomp, either suon Wimbledon will see the return of that maring, whacking, walloping maniac. Keep those gruntometers in readi-

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England play Itsiand play Just over ten years ago. HMS Sheffield was hit by an Exocet missile and 4,100 tonnes of steel went to the bottom of the South Atlantic. In the decade since the city that are also Today, a delegation from Sheffield city council will ask John

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on the council and when there is only one Tory MP in the whole of South Yorkshire, it is easy to believe

strategy in the first place — "like waiting for a rich aunt to die when she has not actually got any money", as Michael Billington, a shopkeeper on the city's Hyde Park estate, derisively put it. After April 9, it was no strategy at all.

Are women's magazines shunning royalty?

LIFE & TIMES

SPECIAL OFFER, p4 Two airline tickets to France for the price of one



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From steel city to brass farthings

Once Sheffield was at the cutting edge of the industrial revolution. Now, **Robert Crampton** reports, a proud city is facing a financial disaster

decade since, the city that gave that

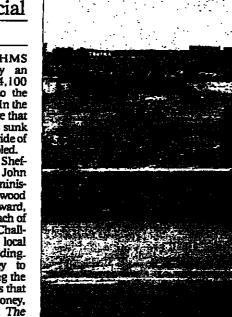
Redwood, the environment minister, for £37 million. Mr Redwood ter, for 137 minutes and his boss, Michael Howard, have that amount to give to each of 20 winners as part of City Challenge 2. Fifty-four British local authorities are in the bidding Sheffield wants the money to rejuvenate its city centre during the next five years, but the truth is that the council badly needs money, anybody's money, and soon. The day of reckoning has arrived.

Sheffield city council is in grave financial trouble. On March 2. Malcolm Newman, the city treasurand the council's policy committee, detailing the state of the books before the setting of the 1992-3 budget. Mr Newman's report reads like a patient lecture to schoolchildren on the elementary facts of economic life. He said the council was living beyond its means. He said the gap between the council's resource base and its expenditure was too wide. He recommended a budget no higher than £390 million — the maximum possible if the council were to avoid both poll tax capping and using up all its reserves. Four days later, the council set a budget of almost £400

The short-term explanation the councillors' behaviour could be found a few miles down the road from the town hall a few weeks after the councillors ignored their treasurer. On April Fools' day, in the Sheffield Arena, built by the council at a cost of £28 million, Neil Kinnock was busy persuading him-self and the 10,000 faithful at the infamously triumphalist "Sheffield that Labour was about to win the general election.

your party is going to triumph and that, when it does, it will see you right. "We're allil-right." cried Mr Kinnock. However, as was shown on April 9. Labour was not all right. The promised bailing out did not happen. It was not much of a

> On April 16, Gordon Sutton, the district auditor, saw fit to write to the councillors. Mr Sutton endorsed the treasurer's report and reminded the councillors of "the fiduciary duty which a council owes to its chargepayers". Fiduciary is a scary word. It carries distinct legal implications. However, there was



When you have a majority of 53

he small band of Tories studied scorn. They laughed.

no sense of fear or urgency in the city council chamber the day before the local elections in May. Rather, there was a sense of tired farce. After all, apart from one short break, only one party has run Sheffield for the past 66 years.
Outside the chamber, the

flowerbeds around the municipal fountain were empty. Inside, the quality of the debate was equally devoid of life and colour. Labour connumors intoneo hopeless mantras. They blamed The complex con-"those rats in the City" and "those

Trose rats in the Cry and those Tory tabloids" and they spoke of "freeing the people of Sheffield from their shackles". They spent some time congratulating Sheffield Wednesday, which had just finished the football season in third place in the first division - its best placing for years. Significantly, though, Wednesday was still beaten by Leeds and Manchester. Leeds and Manchester have been beating Sheffield for a long time now.

and Liberal Democrats laid into the Labour group. The subject on this day was the Independent bookshop, on a prime city centre site but leased by the council to its political soulmates at a peppercorn rent. You. Really. Are. An. Utter. Shower," Peter Jackson, one of the 11 Conservative councillors told the assembled Labour members with

Up on the Hyde Park estate, sheltering from another shower, Lorraine Marton and Sharon Rawlings agreed with Mr Jackson, though they would not, even in their wildest nightmares, imagine voting for his party. "The council don't do anything for us. There's nothing left here. Nothing for the young people, just odd days work like this." Mrs Marton gestured

uphill, where a demolition gang was bringing some high-rise flats low. She pointed down through the rain into the valley at a large building, all glass and metal: "I blame that. They said they built it for us, but we can't spend our whole bloody lives swimming."

Mrs Marton's accusing finger led straight to the second reason, or part of it, for the council's financial trouble. The Ponds Forge Leisure

size pool, Europe's best diving area, a fitness suite, a health suite, a sports hall and, most popular of all. a 100-metre "lazy river ride". At midday in midweek, a tellingly large num-ber of people of working age are floating round and down the lazy river inside large rubber

rings.
Ponds Forge was built when Shef-field took the fateful decision to host the 16th World Student Games in 1989. No other city bid for the games, whose pedigree was as a heavily subsi-

dised Eastern bloc propaganda event. The games had no public profile in the West, so nobody, except perhaps the city council Labour group, was surprised when the promised sponsorship and television deals melted away. The council did not stop then, when it should have done. There was an almighty row inside the Labour group, but members voted narrowly to proceed with the games and, what is more, they built the Arena. the Don Valley athletics stadium.

the Hillsborough leisure centre and the Graves tennis and leisure centre as well. The total cost of these buildings was £150 million and the operating loss on the games was £10.44 million. The £150 million will not be repaid until 2013. So the people of Sheffield have a

lot of leisure facilities, but then they have a lot of leisure time. Sheffield, as everybody knows, used to be a steel city. In 1850, half of all the Sheffield. "Made

stamped on girders The council and teaspoons the world over. If you were from Shefdon't do field, you could find anything for yourself anywhere in the world and us. There's people knew one thing about your nothing left city, in the way they knew the Beatles were from Liverhere. Nothing pool. Imagine the pride in that, imagfor the young ine being an elected representative of the commodity that people' changed the face of

the planet. But the foundries went cold in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In 1971, 45,000 people in Sheffield were directly employed in steel. Perhaps the same number again worked in associated industries. By the mid-1980s, the combined figure was about 10,000.

So if you are that elected representative, what do you do? You walk up the hill through the Hyde Park estate. You see great tracts of flat land along the Don opening up where the foundries once stood. You see 25 per cent unemployment on many estates. You see, and resent, your political enemies in Westminster, seemingly in perpetu-

ity, and the money they send you getting less every year. You see relocations lost to Leeds and Manchester. You look for a commercial centre, something to sustain the city while it draws breath. but there is not one there, because just one of the North's top 100 companies has its head office in

A monument to past glories: the once imposing façade to a famous name in Sheffield steelmaking, Thos Firth & Sons, now only opens on to a pile of rubble in the city's east end

You see that between 1971 and 990, your city lost 53,000 people, the awful, shameful prospect takes in Sheffield" is still shape - Sheffield, with its dereliction and empty shops straggling over its hills and valleys, begins to look as if it might be returning to

> That do you do? Well, this is what the city councillors did. First, they styled themselves the Socialist Republic of South Yorkshire. Then, they looked around to see how they could protect the people in their republic. They chose the obvious method. They propped up spending on social services, education and pub-lic transport, and kept council house rents low, when they could afford neither. The council became the city's largest employer, contributing to the crippling predomi-nance (75 per cent of all jobs) of the public sector. It could not fund the spending by putting up the rates,

vear. So it borrowed. The Labour group did one other thing. If Sheffield could not be the City of Steel any longer, then it would be the City of Sport. Mike Bower, the council leader, may now say: "These facilities are public services, you don't expect public services to make a profit", but back in 1987-89, in the brief brilliant

not once rate-capping had been introduced, although this year's poll tax is up to £281 from £217 last

glimmer of light between one recession and the next, the councillors hoped for a lot more from all these glass and steel monuments to free time. What they envisaged was a sport and construction-led boom. Somebody should have told them swimming pools and athletics stadiums don't make money and don't employ many people either, but that paying for them takes an awfully long time.

But if they had been told, they wouldn't have listened, because what Mr Bower says is actually true. The council wasn't really thinking about profit, it certainly wasn't thinking, or preferred not to think, about the debt burden. It was thinking about pride. Socialist pride partly, in this the first city ever to elect a Labour council. But mostly pride that predated even socialism: civic pride pride in what it was to come from Sheffield, pride neither mitigated by any local political opposition nor boosted by any national political power.

The spanking new facilities may swell the chests of councillors, but

Sheffield or the socialism of the steel age. The cuts have started now. For the moment, the chief casualties are the generous working conditions of councillors and council employees. But with Mr New-man talking of the need to save "around £50 million" from next vear's budget, the people on the housing list, and the rent payers, cleaners, teachers and home helps

And when Manchester's Olympic facilities are built, just an hour's drive away, will the runners and swimmers still come to Sheffield? Probably not. Then the people of Sheffield will be left alone, floating down their lazy river, not looking any fitter for it, and paying through the nose.

TOMORROW

Why has the language of the theatre become so debased?



And who is it that they say they answer to?

can't remember if I rang Tony or he rang me but, whichever it was, we had a nice little chat. "Hello," we said; then he put me on hold. He had just taken delivery of a new telephone system with a call-waiting service and he couldn't stop using it. He couldn't stop using it because his other line kept ringing all the time.

I sat there listening to a recorded BT message. "The other person is temporarily engaged on another call," she said. She said it about 30 times. I started shouting down the line. "It depends what you mean by 'temporary'," I was yelling. "This is my life you know, the only one I've got" - stuff like that. I was just about to bang the phone down in a fury when my other line rang. I put BT's recorded message on hold and took the incoming call. it was a BT salesman, name of

Brian he said, calling to ask how things were going with my mobile phone. "Can I call you back?" I said. "I am on the other line." "There's no need for that," he

said. "There were just a couple of quick things I wanted to say." He started to say them. I couldn't stop him. He was obviously reading from a customer care card. He covered the last four care clauses

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'Andiftheresanything, anythingatail, wecandoforyoudon thesitatetocallmynameisbrianthankyouforyourtime goodbye." I pressed the buttons to get back the Tony call. There was nothing on the line but a regular beep. I think he must have hung up on me.

I went off to the lav with the paper: that's what we writers tend to do with our day, don't you know? It always amazes me to hear that some people get through a whole 24 hours with one quick sitting. How do they ever get to read the newspaper? I must have an average of five or six sittings a day mornings for sport, home news and foreign; midday for leaders, opinions and features; afternoons for letters and obituaries. It all takes time. I can't imagine how some people get through several newspapers a day. Don't they get a permanent ring-impress on their

hehinds? It was a midday sitting, so I was well stuck into the leader columns and, of course, the telephone rang. An infallible law decrees that, if you are working alone at home and you go to the lavatory, the telephone will ring. I always used to rush to pick it up and many a solemn discussion have I enjoyed with a creditor or editor (same sound.

MID LIFE

Neil Lyndon suffers an attack of ringing

in the ears



my trousers and underpants were furled, cravenly, round my ankles. These days, I let the answering machine get it.

When I got back to my desk and played the tape, I found it was Tony, who sounded despairing. "I thought I'd put you on hold," he said. "but when I tried to get you back, you'd gone. I don't think I'll ever get this right."

up the phone and shouted: "Yes?" "It's me," I said.

"What happened?" he said I started trying to tell him about the BT salesman but then my other line rang.
"Would you mind holding on?" I

said. "I'll come rushing right back."
"You sound like David Frost, introducing the commercial break," he said. "Yes, well just don't go to the

lavatory," I said, sticking him on It was my mother on the other line. "I thought you had two lines there," she said.

"I have!" I said.
"Well I don't know what's going on." she said, "I've been getting the engaged tone all morning."

That's because both lines have been engaged." "Have you got somebody else there with you this morning?" she asked, insinuatingly.

"Only on the other line." "Well, I don't know how you ever get any work done if you're on two phones all the time,"she said. "Me neither," I answered. "Anyway. I can't talk to you now. I've got

a call on the other line. I'll call you right back, all right?"
Why do you have to sound like an American these days," she said.

"It must mean that I think I am David Frost Get off the line, will you?"

'I just wanted to say . . . ' "I'll call you back, all right?" I cut her off and belted the buttons to get Tony back.

"The other person is temporarily engaged on another call," said the voice. I slammed the phone down and sat there for a moment breathing steadily and trying to calm myself. The phone rang. I picked it up. The automatic callback had now connected me to my mother, don't ask me how.

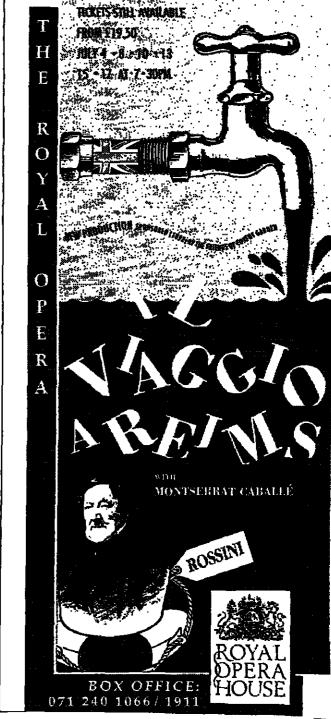
"That was quick," she said. "Wonders of technology." I said "So what can 1 do for you?" "Do you have to sound like David Frost all the time?" she said.

"Mother! What is it?" "I just wanted to tell you . . "Hold on, the other line's ring-

ing. I'll just be a moment." It was Tony, "What the hell is going on?" he said. "You act as if you don't want to talk to me." "To tell you the truth," I said, "I don't much. I'd rather be doing

some work." "So why have you got two telephone lines and a mobile? Why don't you just cut yourself off

"I am considering it, believe me,



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about unrequired love.
Coliseum, S; Maron's Lane, London
WC1 (07 I-835 3161), London-Wed, MICHAEL CLARK COMPANY: The one-time enfant terrible of British dance is presenting the London previouse of his new work, Minim... (alias Michae's Modern Masterpiece), an aggressive's charged piece centred on Strawinshy's Rite of Spring. The four dancers are joined by Clark's 68-year-old mother

who makes a quest appearance. King's Cross Depot, off York Way, King's Cross, London N1 (071-494 3780), tonight-Sat, 8,30pm. DON PASQUALE: Jean-Pierre Pornelle's production of Doruzetti's comic opera is still going reasonably strong. For this rewal, virtuoso veter Paolo Montarsolo returns in the title role, while Raul Gimenez receats his silvery-toned Ernesto. Judich Hov sings Norina. Bruno Campanella

conducts. First night. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 10:66), 7.30pm. HOT STUFF: The Leicester Haymarket production of Paul Kerryson and Maggie

THE BLUE ANGEL: Kelly Hunter and

Diffe Bulb Andest Reby Humber and Philip Madoc in Trevor Nunn's introdicating staging; angel of desire becomes the demon of destruction. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ariel

DEATH AND THE MADEN: And Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge: Geraldine James and Paul Freeman now join Michael Byrne. Dufee of York's, St. Mastin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mms.

□ DEIAVU: Immy Porter 36 years on.
Osborne's hero rants and whinges but in
a vacuum, and Peter Egan seems too
good-natured to be the Angry Old Man.
Comedy, Parton Street, SW1 (071-867
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3pm, Sat, 4pm. 170mins.

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Hancock leads a powerful cast in intense musical thriller based on a Ruth Rendell

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PARADISE: French box-office success, Le Grand Chemin, remade as sentimental rural American. A small boy helps rapair Melanie Ganffith's realong marriage. Writer-director, Mary Agnes Donoghue. MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Totterham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

STONE COLD (18): Unpleasant action thriller about a cop who infiltrates a blker gang, mainly designed to show off the beefcake charms of former footballer Brian Bosworth, Director, Craig R. Baxley.

MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)
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THE ADJUSTER (18): Atom Egoyan's usual tale of voyeurism, fantasy and

CURRENT

NEW RELEASES

A daily guide to arts

compiled by Kari Knight

Nams's Seventies musical, reliving glam rock, punk rock and disco, is revived for a national cour. After a two-week season in Euroscham the company moves to Wirmbledon podrome, Hurst Street, ningham (021-622 7486), tonight-

WEISH NATIONAL OPERA: The company is in Bristol this week with its new production of Gluck's lphigenie en raunde, with Diana Montague in the leading role. Also there is the rewiral of Joacham Herz's staging of Puccinn's Madam Butterfly (with Helen Field as Butterfly) and Verdi's Emain's Parade, Hippodrome, St. Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444), tonight-Sac, 7 15pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

JOAN ARMATRADING: This versable performer has just released her 15th album but the warm, distinctive voice sounds as fresh as ever. She is ably rted by emotive singer songwinter supported by emptive singer stangument Martyn foseph. Royal Hall, Harrogare (0423 564433), tonight, 7.30pm, Apello, Oxford (0685 244544), tomorrow, 7.30pm Donne, Brighton (0273 674357), Thurs, 7.30pm. Hammersmith Odeon, London (081-748 4081), Fri, 7.30pm

LIZA'S TRIBUTE TO SAMMY: SUANT TRIBUTES presents an evening of song and dance paying tribute to the American crooker Sammy Davis Int who died of cancer in 1990. The show is davised by singer Liza Minnelli, who will

appear with surprise guests. The proceeds will benefit London's Payal Marsden Hospital Cancer Appeal and New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering. TODAY'S EVENTS Cancer Center
Albert Half, Kensington Gore, London
SW7 (071-823 9998), 8 30pm (booking on American Express card only).

ANGELA FLOWERS: When all about

are losing theirs, Flowers East, the Exc. End home of the Angela Flowers Gallery, has seized the opportunity offered by the recession to acquire vast offered by the recession to acquire vast new additional premise; They are immediately opposite the present gallery and comprise four gallery spaces on these floors. The first section to open is on the ground floor, with a show of Net Jeffrier's quirky painted aluminum sculptures, while Flowers East continues with paintings by Jack Smith and prims by Prunella Clough.

Angela Flowers Gallery at London Fields, 282 Richmond Road, London E8 (081-985 3333). Tues-Sun, 10am-épm, to July 26.

TURNER AND BYRON: Quite possibly Turner and Byron, though contemporates, never met. But as an artist Turner was intimately connected with Byron's writings, from the moment when the publication of the first canto of Childe Harder's Pignmage in 1812 first fired his imagination. His problement exacted in secret (exacted). in 1812 first fired his imagination. His anothernent reached as most interes me the 1830s, after Byron's death, when a whole senes of major paintings bore quotations from Byron or took Byronic scenes as their subject. The new show fills in the background of Turner's illustrations to the works of Byron, with materials borrowed from many sources as well as from the Tate's own holdings.
Tate Gallery, Milbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2pm-5.50pm, to September 13.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

(071-836 6111). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE IS: Nigel Hawthome is very fine as the stricken king in Alan Bennett's immguang, slightly puzzling play. National (Lyttehon), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Thurs, 7,30pm, mat Thurs, 2,15pm, 170mins.

MOBY DICK: A girls' school purs on a fund-rasing show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmestress playing Captain Ahab Beached musical. PiccadBly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, Sat, 4pm, 135mins.

☐ PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI: Affectionate cornedy of an Irish emigrar and his carping after ego. Excellent revival of Brian Friel's first success. revival of Brian Friel's first success, King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916), Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm, 120mlns.

☐ POND LIFE: Touching performances by a young cast in Richard Cameron's quiet drama of teenagers angling for carp and love. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

Z PYGMALION: Alan Howard, Frances Barber in a Howard Dawes production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text to a dever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. 195mins.

THE RULES OF THE GAME: Richard Griffiths and Nicola Pagett in Pirandello's sardonic study of marital revenge; not as sulphurous as it could be but still a groping drama. Almeida, Almeida Street, NT (071-359

4404), Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins, Finai week.

A SLIP OF THE TONGUE A wolfish John Malkovich in a lightweight drami that seems to equate East-European that seems to equate case-corporate desidence with getting girls into bed. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, Windows (1071-379 5399). Mon-Thurs, Bon Fri, Gorn and Sprn, Sat, 4,30pm and 8,30pm. 150mins.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW: Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Dagish and Carmel McSharry in likeable cornedy about a doting mother's worries, notably her gay son.

Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road,
WC2 (071-857 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm,
mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ THE VIRTUOSO: Shadwell's Restoration comedy of bad behaviour the home of a bumbling savent, directed with verve by Phyllida Lloyd. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165rruns. LONG RUNNERS:
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CINEMA GUIDE

AUTORUS: Funny moments in Eric Rochant's story of a lovelom French youth who hijades a school bus to impress his girffrend, but not enough. MGM Chelsex (071-352, 5096) MGM Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country Piccadilly (071-437 3561). ◆ THE LOVER (18): Jean-Jacques

> tisplaced persons; visually seductive but hollow. Elias Kotias, Arsinée Khanjian. Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ BASIC INSTINCT (18): San Francisco Basic Instrinct (18): San Francisco detective Michael Douglas and keepids murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a sordid psycho-sexual rollercoaster.
Director, Paul Verhoeven.
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THE HVE HEART BEATS (15): Beand but good-natured take of a black rock 'n' roll group's American journey. Robert Townsend writes, directs, and stars with Michael Wright, Tho Wells. Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Ermna Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter, Disease, Indian Land. Director, James Nory. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

JOHNNY SUEDE: Likeable urban fairytale about a lone innocent (Brad Pitt) in bedsitland, discovering love while dreaming hopelessly of success as a pop star. Tom DiCillo directs.

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◆ THE LAWNIMOWER MAN (15): Pierce Brosnan's computers turn a simpleton (Jeff Fahey) into a cyber-monsuer. New technology jamboree laid low by a muddled script. From a Stephen King story; director, Brett.

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THE LONG DAY CLOSES (17): Terence Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise. With Leigh McCormack, Marjorie Yates, and a wonderful aural collage of Fifties

Curzon West End (071-439 4805) THE PLAYBOYS (12): Love and jealousy in an Irish village in 1957. Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Winght, Aidan Quinn), but too much blamey. Director, Gillies

MacKinnon. Caraden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsaa (071-352 5096) Notting HIT Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353). ◆ STRAIGHT TALK: Dolly Parton as a chatty Arkansas divorcee who comes to town and hits the big time masquerading as a radio psychologist. Directed by Barnet Kelman. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574).

VAN GOGH (12): Maurice Pialar's masterly, no-nonsense portrait of the painter's last months. Fine performance from singer-turned-actor Jacques ma (071-235 4225) Renoir (071-

OPERA

A midsummer night's pantomime

Orpheus in the Underworld

Alhambra, Bradford

YOU can play it short or you can play it long. By the time Offenbach had finished tinkering. Orphée aux enfers became a four-act operena, which can be a lengthy haul in the wrong production. Opera North, though, have gone back to his first thoughts. the two-acter Offenbach wrote for his new theatre, the Bouffes-Parisiens, in 1858. Stripped of its additional numbers and ballets, except of course the cancan - or more properly galop infernal - Orpheus is a piece of froth over in a couple of hours.

ON's new staging by Martin Duncan, designed for a summer spin around the north, is straightforward popular entertainment, with the familiar numbers pressing hard on each other's heels. Tim Hatley's sets depend much on cutouts: arcadian sheep for Eurydice's bogus admirer, clouds for the gods, toasting forks for the employees of the underworld. It is incongruous to find so modest a production opening in the lofty Edwardian splendour of the Alhambra.

One of Offenbach's prime targets was marital discord in high places. Martin Duncan could have drawn a contemporary parallel here but, perhaps wisely, has chosen not to. He opts for a romp, something in the style of the Players' Thearre being suddenly called on for a midsummer panto, with plenty of bad jokes in this English version by our ruling rhymesmith, Jeremy Sams.

Orpheus is a co-production with the D'Oyly Carte and two experienced G &



Duo, romping convincingly: Eurydice (Linda Kitchen) with Jupiter (Eric Roberts) disguised as a fly

S hands, Alan Oke and Eric Roberts. proved best at putting across the Sams lines. Oke's Pluto, with gleaming white teeth and swishing devil's tail, would have any flighty girl like Eurydice wanting to share his furnace. Roberts's Jupiter dances nimbly and shows the god's dexterity with disguise as he becomes a fly for the neatly sung "Duo de la mouche". Linda Kitchen, the object of their attentions, spends the evening in a shortie nightie, which suits her very well, and has by far the best voice on stage. Luckily, Eurydice gets all the best numbers, too.

They certainly do not go to the musician Orpheus (Harry Nicoll), who has remarkably little to do in the piece to which he gave his name. His hit composition is hijacked first by the violin and then by Eurydice. Nor did Offenbach lavish much musical attention on Public Opinion, that curious Mrs Brundy-like invention who harangues the audience and eventually leads Orpheus to the Underworld. Linda Ormiston does a powerful impression of one of the stalwarts from the Glasgow Ladies League of Decency. Some of the supporting roles were

overly crude and John Styx's melancholy couplets about the days when he was King of Beoria need more subtlery than they were given.

Wyn Davies's conducting carried little authority and even with a summer jolly like this he should not start the acts before the audience has settled. But Bradford seemed much diverted and went away clutching balloons the colour of hell-fire, courtesy the management. Next stops are Northampton, Sunderland and Sheffield.

JOHN HIGGINS

CONCERT

Textbook teamwork

CHARLES DUTOIT, the music director of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, is reported as having little need to give verbal instructions to his players at rehearsals; so close is their rapport that they know what he requires by a movement of his hands. It is not difficult to believe such a story after one has heard this splendid orchestra under the man who has conducted it for a decade and a half.

Giving the last in the South Bank's enterprising series of concerts by visiting celebrity orchestras - a series that has already brought us the great ensembles from Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburg - Montreal SO showed that they can stand comparison with the best bands in North America and, indeed, the world.

The main work in their programme was the complete version of Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe Suite, a score which demonstrated the virtues of both orchestras and conductor at their most unassailable. The body of strings swooned and shimmered in this glorious hymn to love and nature, phrased and conjured from and whisked back into, the atmosphere like the brushstrokes of an Impressionist

The tuning and blend of the wind

MERCE CUNNINGHAM'S Touch-

base for Rambert Dance Company

resulted from the 1990 Digital Pre-

mier Award but has not reached the

stage until three months after

Birmingham Royal Ballet's Dark Ho-

rizons, commissioned with the 1991

award. But there is no choreographer

today more highly regarded than

Cunningham, and Rambert happily

waited until schedules permitted this

The reward is the privilege of a world

premiere, although the actual creative

process was shared by Rambert's

dancers with two distinct casts from

Cunningham's own company in New

York, and, according to descriptions,

with Cunningham's new computer

programme. At 73, the guru of

contemporary dance is still trying new

collaboration.

Montreal SO/Dutoit Festival Hall

choruses were immaculate, the brass ideally balanced and etched into the sonic landscape with none of the overassertiveness that mars some celebrated ensembles. The effect of the whole was that of a hyper-refined, yet vibrant organism, responsive to every gesture of the director.

Martha Argerich was unable, through indisposition, to play the scheduled Beethoven concerto. In its place, we had the generous substitute of Jacques Iben's Escales, as well as a Shostakovich symphony (the Ninth).

Iben's picture postcards of Medifferential ports are superbly orches trated, and the Canadian musicians showed themselves to be imaginative travellers with the sumptuousness of their tonal covering. Shostakovich, too. — in one of his less anguished scores ~ enabled the players and their director to display both the lyricism and the precision of ensemble that marks them out as such an exceptional orchestral

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ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL

Brought to life at last

THE main interest in Saturday's London Sinfonietta concert lay in the first performance, 70 years after its genesis, of Aaron Copland's hallet score Grohg. Oliver Knussen, who conducted a splendidly energetic performance here, recently rescued the score from dusty oblivion in the Library of Congress in Washington, where it had been wrongly labelled.

Copland wrote the 30-minute piece in his Paris student days. He had no commission and little prospects of performance. Perhaps he modelled himself partly on Stravinsky's big ballets in the hope of attracting the attention of one of the itinerant

Russian dancers then in France. That did not happen, and Copland later re-fashioned much of the music for use in other scores. Nevertheless it is inexplicable that this spectacular creation should have been overlooked for

so long. Based on the German horror film Nosferatu, it portrays a sadistic sorcerer bringing back to life various coroses for. well, the sheer hell of it: a cue for Copland to deploy brilliantly grotesque effects, witty pastiches and crazy freefor-alls that have the clangour of Charles Ives about them. Which enter-

LS/Knussen Snape Maltings

it? It has to be more fun than Giselle. Knussen also conducted John Tavener's cello and orchestral meditation The Protecting Veil - another of Tavener's "musical ikons" to complement Friday's premiere of his new opera. Mary of Egypt. But with Christopher van Kampen playing the solo part unconvincingly, it was hard to hear why this piece has achieved such improbable popularity recently.

The concert also included Louis Andriessen's De Staat, a piece for four ivery amplified songuos, mostly singing in ear-piercing unison, and an enormous ensemble of mainly bass-register instruments, split into two mirror-groups and including electric guitars. Possibly the year's most pretentious programme-note, quoting several hundred words of Plato's Republic. somehow equated this brutal and frantic blast of post-minimalist noise with a statement about the artist's position in society. Reinbert de Leeuw conducted the well-organised performance.

RICHARD MORRISON

DANCE

Well worth waiting for

Touchbase

Royalty

Some of Cunning ham's quirky humour has crept into

Touchbase: manifest in the abrupt unexpectedness of some steps, or the demure charm with which two women enter and bob together across the

stage. The tone, however, is austere. The choreography is largely an exploration of the possibilities of a few movements: anglings of the body away from the vertical, and changes of direction: kicks of all sons, in the air or on the ground: jumps that go nowhere

 leaping straight up and down on the spot, or one step away and back.

Sometimes it seems that the computer may have been a little too prominent among the collaborators, as when we watch seemingly every possible pos-ition of the hands tried out by an immobile dancer. So watching Touchbase seems almost more a test of attentiveness and power of observation than a theatrical experience. The cutesy costumes by Mark Lancaster partly alleviate this feeling: he sets them

against a plain yellow background relieved by one upright post and two gates leading nowhere. Michael Pugliese's soundtrack is so

full of buzzes, whirring, clicks and other unexpected noises that one assumes a tape and it is surprising to see three heads arise from the orchestra

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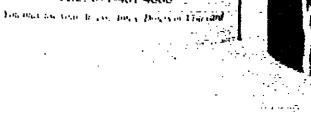
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Two of the company's dancers also contributed short new works. Both stay securely within the present understated Rambert manner, but show interesting movement Mark Baldwin a distinctive command of rhythms, impens and directions in Island to Island: Paul Old an astonishing gentleness in Still Dance. They have the ability to please: can they go further and surprise us?

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EXHIBITION: SCOTLAND

Smooth façade, sharp practice

obert Adam, arguably the most influential architect Britain has ever produced, died 200 years ago this March. You may not be aware of this fact because whereas Mozart's bicentenary dominated last year, Adam seems to be getting short shrift. This is surprising. Ask anyone to name any great architect from the past and he or she will probably

choose Robert Adam.

The bicentenary is being marked, however, by the National Library of Scotland which has mounted Monumental Reputation, an exhibition focusing on one of the most signifi-cant periods in his life. His Grand Tour of Europe in 1754-58 was a journey of artistic discovery which laid the foundations for his remarkable career. The library recent-ly acquired the proofs of Ruins of the Palace of the Emperor Diocletian at Spalatro, a sumptuous volume produced by Adam, designed to impress potential clients in England with his erudition and to launch his reputation as the greatest neo-Classical architect of the age.

These proofs have provided an ideal focus for this first of the Adam bicentenary celebrations. An examination of what amounts to a project in 18th century self-marketing allows us to focus on the architect at a crucial stage in his career and shed new light on his character.

Few artists have been so lucky in their family circumstance: Robert was born into what became an architectural dynasty. His father, William Adam, cornered the market in building, extending or remodelling the mansions of the prospering post-Union Scottish aristocracy. There is scarcely an early 18th century Scottish building of note in which he did not have a hand. Eldest son John, with whom Robert was to work for the Duke of Argyll on Britain's first planned town at inverary, first entered the family firm. Robert was followed by youn-

ger brother, Jamie. The intellectual environment in which Robert was nurtured could not have been more conducive to original genius. All the leading lights of the Scottish Enlightenment - the philosopher David Hume; the author of The Wealth of Nations. Andrew Gibbon

Williams on a show marking the 200th anniversary of Robert Adam



Robert Adam: a contemporary portrait of him with his book

Adam Smith; and the founder of modern geology, James Hutton entered the Adam family circle. So when it came to developing an independent artistic approach. Robert was inclined to innovate.

Instead of conforming with his neo-Palladian contemporaries in their servile attitude towards Classical prototypes, Adam was imagina-tive. He took playful liberties with the various orders and rules laid down by the Roman architect Vitruvius, forging from them an elegant modern architectural style more suited to the domestic requirements of Adam's grand clients.

Such a free approach towards the rigid dogmas of Classicism, howevwould not have been possible without a thorough grounding in the antique and Adam's Grand Tour, if not the longest, was certainly one of the most intense. But Adam might still have returned

home to pursue a relatively obscure provincial career had he not conceived of a professional coup de grace in the form of his great book: an erudite folio of plans, views and reconstructions of a great Roman monument. The book was only to be for the delectation of the aristocrats who could be his potential clients. it was with this eventual aim in

mind that in 1757, after two and a half years abroad, Adam left Rome for Spalato, the port now known as Split in the former Yugoslavia (and which Adam incorrectly referred to as Spalatro in his book). There, with the help of colleagues, he surveyed the ruins of the great seaside Palace of Diodetian. Rather than choosing one of the more obvious public buildings in Rome, Adam selected what was in effect a Roman emperor's retirement complex. Presum-ably he thought it would offer more interpretational scope for the domestic architecture to which he

"Monumental Reputation" reveals the aggressive marketing of Robert Adam, the story behind the practicalities. The evidence shows that Adam ruthlessly promoted his self-interest and took shabby decisions at the expense of others.

Adam had only five weeks in which to accumulate detailed information about the nine-acre site of Diocletian's Palace. Delegating, therefore, was only to be expected. The French watercolourist Charles-Louis Clérisseau was employed to paint perspective views. Younger brother James supervised the Venetian engravers. William Robertson, the eminent historian and Adam's cousin, was called upon to write the introduction.

The way in which Adam treated his team and ensured that it was virtually ignored in the final product was despicable. Clérisseau, for example, was denied proper credit and even derided for letting it be known that he had contributed at all. The message conveyed from Morocco-bound cover to cover of the book is: this is the exclusive work of Robert Adam, Genius.

Not that any of this should diminish our respect for the rigorous intellect which distinguishes Ad-am's book as superior to rivals such



as Stuart and Revett's The Antiquities of Athens. Improvement, however, was the watchword of the age. Adam had no qualms about correcting the ancients in the knowledge that this would impress potential clients. Comparing Adam's refined Spalatro (sic) Order, as he dubbed it, with the cruder original upon which it is based, is to see Adam the elegant designer usurping Adam the ar-

chaeologist in an age before disciplines were so strictly demarcated. In an enjoyable coda to the exhibition, a slide presentation guides the visitor around the abodes Adam was commissioned to build or renovate as a result of his book's success. Echoes of Diocletian's Palace reverberate through the stately homes of England, Scotland and Ireland: Osterley, Syon, Kedleston,

Culzean. "With his taste, his productions, and his manners, everyone went away enchanted," wrote his brother-in-law John Clerk of Eldin, conjuring up a personality which is somewhat at odds with that exposed by this exhibition.

Monumental Reputation is at the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh (031-220 4531) until

ARTS BRIEF

Coe is blowing

SCARCELY has Sebasuari Coe found his way to Westminster's corridors of power than he has snaffled one of the great Parliamentary jobs. The athlete-turned-MP has been appointed treasurer of the Parliamentary all-party jazz group, now numbering more than 30 politicians. A gaggle of them will be turning out for a jam session during National Music Day on Sunday.

Barriers down

THE first conference on the atre and disability is opening at Manchester University on Friday. It is organised by the Arts Council which has increased its grants to disabled groups this year from £90,000 to £150,000. An extra £25,000 is going to Bolton Octagon to: a bold experiment: the Octagon's new artistic director lawrence Till, is to produce a Timon of Athens for which half the cast will be deaf, and it will be under the control of Carol Tweedy, a trainee director who is profoundly deaf

Money for dance

EIGHT winners will share £100,000 in the 1492 Digital Dance Awards, the annual scheme sponsored by computer giant Digital Equipment Company to commission new productions. Winners include Nikky Smedley, who is planning a work specially created for a full-size indoor competition climbing wall, and Green Candle, whose production will incorporate wheels of every shape and form. Kumar Saswat, The Place Theatre and the Dundee Rep Dance Company also pick up awards. along with past winners Shobana Jeyasingh, Second Stride and Siobhan Davies.

Last chance . . .

SMOOTH jazz and hot soul have been the prime ingredients in Madeline Bell's sets at Ronnie Scott's London club (071-439 0747) over the past two weeks. A forceful, gospeltrained vocalist - and former member of Blue Mink - Bell appears, with a group featuring the wailing alto saxophone of Andy Mackintosh, until Saturday.

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Hands and minds in accord

ldo Ciccolini, a pianist whose praises are not A whose praises are not often sung in this country, recorded the entire piano music of Debussy - more than six hours of it - in the space of eight days in April last year. One might expect the result (Debussy: Complete Piano Works, EMI CDC 7. 54447-51 2, five discs) to sound a little strained at times. but Ciccolini sustains the tension, the magic and the personality throughout, deeply involved with every note.

Debussy's teacher, Marmontel, is credited with the observation that Debussy was not very fond of the piano but loved music; and by all accounts he played the instrument in a highly individual way, constantly moving his listeners to remark on the quasi-orchestral quality of this playing. Colour lies at the heart of his mature style, from Estampes (1903) onwards.

In this work (recorded on Vol 1) Ciccolini responds with marvellous sensitivity to the composer's evocative style. The oriental bare fifths of the first piece, "Pagodes", resonate with exactly the right gentleness, and the pedal is used to add a sense of mystery to the

pentatonic mode. The two sets of Images (1905 and 1907, and also included in Vol 1) go a stage further. Even "Hommage à Rameau", an apparent throwback to earlier works such as the Suite bergamasque and Pour le piano (both found on Vol 5), where Debussy concerns himself with the reinterpretation of classical forms. shows a new kind of refraction and expansion. Ciccolini never merely stays on the surface of any piece, no matter how tempting it might be simply to enjoy washes of colour or technical brilliance.

On Vol 3 are the second book of Préludes and the composer's own, rather wonderful transcription for single planist of the six Epigraphes antiques (1914, originally for four hands). These works sit beside individual pieces, such



as the effervescent "Le petit nègre" and the elegant "Hommage à Haydn". Moreover, there are both the first and last piano works by Debussy to survive, the delightful "Danse bohémienne" (1880). a character piece closer than one might imagine to Dvořák or Tchaikovksy, and the brief "Page d'album" (1915), other-

wise known as the "Pièce pour le Vêtement du blessé". There is also the even briefer "Morceau de concours", composed anonymously in 1904 but undiscovered until the 1970s. These last two works come as close as anything Debussy wrote to the music of

Ciccolini revels in the variety and contrasts these small pieces provide: he is again poised and considered in both

sets of Préludes, the first of which is found on Vol 2, together with Debussy's own version for piano of the ballet La Boîte à joujoux.

Both sets of Debussy's last important compositions for piano, the *Etudes* of 1915, are coupled on Vol 4. By way of an appendix there is also the socalled "Etude retrouvée", an early version of the study called "Pour les arpèges composés" discovered in 1976. The Etudes show Debussy at his most fluent, confident, free, and expressive.

Ciccolini, with a vast palette of colours at his command. rises to one of the supreme challenges of piano literature. This, by any standards, is a remarkable achievement.

STEPHEN PETTITT

David Robinson

meets Derek Hill,

founder-member of

Channel 4 and an

enthusiast of film

His catch included American

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tarists such as Fred Wiseman

and Emile de Antonio, and

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Even before he joined Chan-

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journals as varied in reader-ship as Amateur Cine World,

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ou hear so many stories about how Hollywood scriptwriters always get their work rewritten, and then given another final polish by hard to tell whether a television film made up of a succession of non sequitur ele-ments is surreal by design or by accident. And if by design. but to no obvious dramatic or humorous advantage, why wasn't the script doctored be-

fore shooting began?
Last night's episode of
Northern Exposure (Channel 4), a series conceived in the spirit of Twin Peaks, was subtitled "War and Peace", apparently because the residents of the Alaskan town of Cicely are gripped by Tolstoy fever when an old Russian friend of the townsfolk, Nikolai Ivanovich, drops by for his annual visit.

Northern Exposure's house style seems to be to pitch for the middle ground somewhere between Harold Pinter

and Monty Python, juxtapos-

ing what seem to be uncon-

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TELEVISION REVIEW

nected subjects and phrases in about motorbikes. All very the search for something sur-

real. But parody relies on striking some chord in the original. Northern Exposure's scriptwriters saved themselves a lot of tiresome research by relying on Woody Allen's homework on Tolstoy. "I took a speed-reading course and read War and Peace in 20 minutes," Allen once con-

fessed. "It involved Russia." So Nikolai gets himself into a duel with Cicely's resident red-neck, Maurice; Holling the bar owner, goes into the wilds to shoot a moose to rid himself of the bad dreams that keep him awake at night; and young Ed experiences his own sort of reckless abandon by falling in love, for the first time, with a milk-maid who gets aroused by dirty talk

As long as Nikolai is in

town, everyone does Russian things, such as drink vodka, sing moody Russian love songs, play chess, watch Dr Zhivago on video, and so on, while talking to each other in a stream of non sequitur statements. When the duellists are about to shoot at each other, and the scriptwriters have run out of ideas, the cast starts talking out of character, arguing about the imbedility of the viewers will believe the duel

This is the moment when you really start wondering why those famously meddling script doctors weren't sent for. Or were they? In a Monty Python show, the whole sketch might last for four minutes. The writers for Sergeant Bilko might have stretched this same theme to half an hour by using the old-fashioned trick

of inserting witty jokes. That is now considered bad form in television comedy. All in all, it's the sort of

production technique that Tzara might not have done well as a television scriptwriter in Hollywood today. He could get two or three totally unrelated scripts, say a John Wayne western and a Noël Coward play, cut them into pieces with scissors, and then randomis piece them together again in a new, surreal form, perhaps: Wayne: "Noël, I said get offa that horse."

Coward: "Very mountainous,

JOE JOSEPH

TELEVISION AND CINEMA

Who put the film into Film on 4?

hen Channel 4 cele-brates its tenth anni-versary in Novem-ber, just two of its original creators will still be there to mark the occasion. One is the chairman, Sir Richard Attenborough; the other is Derek Hill, the film consultant, originally taken on as film buyer by Jeremy Isaacs, the former Channel 4 chief who now runs the Royal Opera House. "There was a total staff of four people when I joined," says Hill. "Jeremy contacted me because of a report I had written for the IBA, about an ideal acquisition policy for

Hill was promptly sent off on a spending spree. "Jeremy told me. 'Get out there and buy the best.' After a lifetime of selling films, to be a buyer was a shocking new experience. I had a wonderful time. I remember the day I went back to Jeremy very shamefaced. 'I'm afraid I've spent a million pounds.' 'Well done!' he said. Keep going'."

television."

This was television's golden age. The films Hill bought in those first months set the pattern for Channel 4's interate and intrepid policy in the years to come. "It was an extraordinary privilege to be able to give this kind of practical recogni-tion to film-makers, "says Hill. He bought films that British television audiences had never seen before, from Turkey. Greece, Japan. Latin America.



Hill: cinematic crusader

tional shorts to this country and get British shorts distribution abroad. And to get critical attention for them." His next enterprise was the

New Cinema Club. "This was a showcase for films which had been blocked by the censor or lack of commercial interest". The club introduced the films of Warhol, Dusan Makavejev, Nagisa Oshima. Jerzy Skolimowski, Jean-Marie Straub, Brian de Palma, Walerian Borowczyk, Yoko Ono, Glauber Rocha, Paul Morrissey, Norman Mailer. David Cronenberg and Alexander Jodorosky and revived then notorious avant-garde works by Keneth Anger and Jean Genet, and some banned

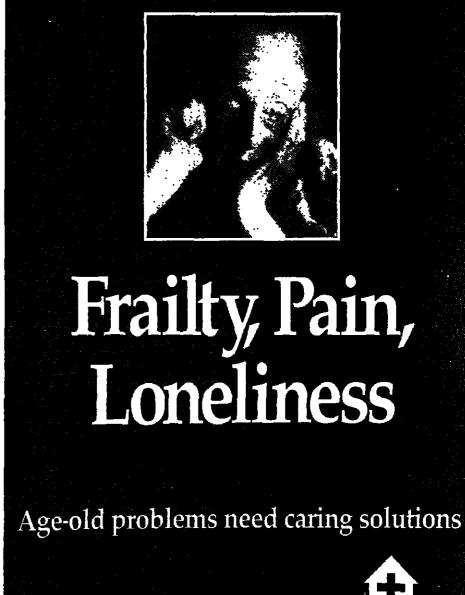
films by Roger Corman. Another Hill triumph was to He had already founded the grammed the shorts for the persuade the Vicomte de Noailles to let him distribute Luis Buñuel's mythical L'Age d'Or. De Noailles had finanand realised what a poor deal short film-makers were getced the film, but since 1929 ting. The idea was an agency which would bring internahad rarely allowed it to be seen him - and frequently does".

on account of its reputation for blasphemy. Hill was surprised to find the normally reclusive Vicomte so welcoming. Only Noailles, still an enthusiastic patron of the arts, had at first believed him to be his name sake, Derek Hill the painter.

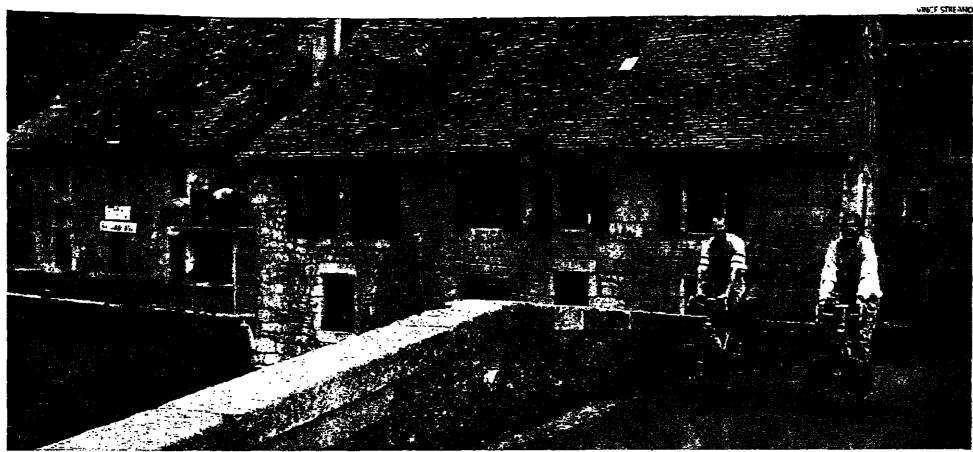
From 1970 Hill pro-grammed the ICA's film shows, introducing children's matinees and bringing a chunk of the Cannes Festival, the Quinzaine des Réalisateurs, intact to London.

From these years he has a rich repertory of anecdotes, such as the day the sewers began to discharge into the ICA cinema during a press show; or how John Lennon and Yoko Ono arrived in a bag for a show of their films. "They walked around, chanted a bit, and then went away. Later I learned it wasn't them at all. They had stayed home and put two other people in the bag."

After 30 years in the business. Hill's commitment to the new, the undiscovered and the neglected is undiminished. At festivals he is always the one who has discovered some dark horse on the fringe. Young film-makers from across the world know that he will look at their films when no one else will. He has not reformed one bit since the start of Channel 4. when isaacs wrote of the threatens to run away with



Straight through the heart



Picture-postcard country: cyclists can enjoy the beauty and cooking of rural France as they should be enjoyed — at a quiet, gentle pace, avoiding the crowds

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CYCLES are maplaces. The ultimate challenge for any cycle tourist is an end-to-end,

country from one tip to another. In France the choice of departure points is wide. I pondered over the map with my daughter Claire, who wanted the end-to-end for her Duke of Edin-burgh's silver award. In the end we settled for the route between St Malo and Sète, a 600-mile ride through the green heart of France.

We had to decide on a route early because the summer ferries can be crowded. We opted for the Brittany Ferry route from Portsmouth to St Malo, partly because it offered a considerable lift on the road south and partly because it also offered the shortest end-to-end route away from the central massif.

The 20 miles or so from my home to the main railway station took an hour and a half and was the most dangerous part of the route. But by 8pm we were in Portsmouth and riding towards the Brittany Ferry terminal. "Go to the front of the queue," said the checker-in. The cyclists had dumped their panniers in their cabins and occupied the bar before the first motorist had even

When we came on deck at 7.30 the next morning, the ship was already weaving through the rocky apnroaches to St Maio. An hour we were ashore. This was the last Friday in July, the day of Le Départ. the start of the French holiday season, when every French family sets off for the coast. I therefore decided against the direct route to the Loire through Rennes and we aimed instead to come down to the Loire at Angers. after passing through the fortress town of Vitré. We left St Malo at 9.15am and reached Combourg.

We had lunch in a Routiers cafe at Marcille-Raoul, where four courses

Freewheeling Robin Neillands rises to the ultimate touring challenge with a 600-mile, eight-day cycle from one end of the country to the other

and half a litre of wine cost only 60 francs. The wine was a mistake. That afternoon was hard work all the way to the comfortable stopover point at Argentre-du-Plessis, six miles south

of Virré, which we reached at 7pm, having covered 72 miles that day.

The next morning, we dashed off a quick 18 miles to Craon, a pretty town, in 90 minutes. By midafternoon, we were in Angers on the Loire, circling round the castle. We then crossed the River Mayenne and the great Loire itself. About 7pm we

arrived at Brissac, 15 miles south of Angers with 72 miles under our wheels that day.

Day three was wonderful, at least to begin with. The weather was glorious and we were getting fitter, racing out of Anjou into Poitou, across the rolling countryside to Poiners, where we should have stopped. But it was only 5pm and we decided to go on. We rode in the gathering dark until, with 92 miles done that day, we found a small hotel in St-Secondin, south of Gençay.

The next day, with some 57 miles done by 4.30pm, at Châlus we found a room and decided enough was enough. We took the chance to wash the dust out of our clothes before strolling, ice-creams in hand, to the walls of the castle where Richard Coeur-de-Lion met his death in 1199. Then dinner, yet another shower, and to bed.

We were in the south now. The roofs had red tiles, not grey slates, and the vineyards multiplied. There were plenty of photo-stops on the 62-

mile run to Brive, notably at the beautiful village of Segur-le-Château, one of those picture-postcard French places that lie off the too-well-beaten track. Brive was busy, and the road south, the N2O, is a main holiday artery. So we swerved off it and found a small hotel, where our end-to-end attempt was much admired.

The next day it was on to Figeac, via the spectacular pilgrim town of Rocamadour. From Figeac, we enjoyed a long swoop down to the little town of Capdenac-Gare, and the railway station. As we had already done 62 miles that day, we did not feel guilty about taking a train in the evening. I bought tickets for Rodez. the cycles travelling free in the luggage van. By six that evening were cycling up the hill into the city.

Up early at Rodez and a minor road out to Pont-de-Salars and the beautiful lake at Pareloup. Stopping around noon in the little village of Bouloc, we found a fine restaurant behind the local café.

The afternoon ride was wonderful, a long fast descent down to the green waters of the Tarn. We had to stop several times to let the brake rims cool. So the day wore on until, after another 75 miles on the road south. we climbed at last to the chilly heights of the Causse du Larzac and found a small hotel.

By now we had learned that an early start makes the best of the day especially in the hot and hilly Languedoc. On day eight we circled the open vastness of the Causse and La Couvertoirade. Then down to Le Caylar, and south through St-Pierrede-la-Fage and on to Aniane, across the Pont de Diable for the last hill dimb to Montamaud.

We went up through the gears and down through the hills, racing across the coastal plain until, as the dusk rushed down and the lights came on, we arrived at Palavas-les-Flots, and we had made it: 600 miles by bike, from our starting point at St Malo to the shores of the Mediterranean. It was a wonderful feeling.

Beware the hidden costs

ithough nearly every A one buying a house in France will have been through the process in Britain. there are those for whom the romance and excitement of such a venture acts as a kind of magic carpet ride away from the realms of reality.

The purchase price of a house, like that of a car, is only the start of the spending spree. There are other, significant, costs that need to be allowed for before you decide to go ahead. However, the French system of buying and selling property is simpler than the one in Britain. In my experience that helps to make it both cheaper and faster.

Do not, though, be tempted by one French "custom" which is not only illegal but could cost you more money in the long term. This is the habit, especially in deals done direct with the vendor, whereby you hand over some of the price in cash and thus show a reduced "official" price on the receipt.

Vendors sometimes suggest this if the house they are selling is not their main home and therefore is liable for capital gains tax. If the vendor can show a smaller profit, he or she will pay less tax. The trouble is that when you sell you will pay more, based on the difference between what is shown on the official documents and what you sell for. Have nothing to do with this

What makes the French system simpler is that both parties to a deal use the same solicitor (notaire). All of his charges - about 2.5 per cent of the purchase price - are paid by the buyer. The notaire's fee will include local taxes, which vary between three and six per cent. Local taxes in the Dordogne, a favourite British retreat, are 5.75 per cent.

The other main extra is the estate agent's fee. The agent will not normally charge to find you a house unless this involves special work, but check that this is the case. Agents will negotiate on their fees, but in general they charge five per cent on a house costing more than FFr300,000 and up to 10 per cent on cheaper houses, the theory being that just as much work goes into selling a cheap house as an expensive one.

An agent will also act for you at what we would call the exchange-of-contract stage. Some people like to travel to which usually involves the notaire opening a bottle of wine. But the agent will do it for you for much less than the

ferry fare: ours charged £50. There is another cost which

becomes relevant if the first flush of enthusiasm fades. Gazumping is virtually unknown in France, in part because paying a deposit is, in effect, a binding contract on both sides. If you pay a deposit and pull out you lose the deposit. If the vendor pulls out. he owes you twice the amount of the deposit.

You should be certain you want the house before handing over any money. The best course is to return to the UK and think it over, although if you are pretty sure open a non-resident bank account in France before you return here: that will make the rest of the transaction much more straightforward and secure, as money can be transferred from your UK account.



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The other expense that must be taken into account involves rates. The French are changing to a local income tax next year, but at present there is a tax foncière which is split into two amounts: one for the one for the land. The amounts vary, but a three-bedroom house in the Dordogne with a third of an acre of land will cost roughly £200 a year.

Then there is the taxe d'Habitation (about £170 a year on the above housel, and even if you do not live in it you will probably be asked to pay - unless the house is unfurnished.

 There are several useful books on buying in France. One worth sending for is French Property: The Hidden Facts by Harry Crane, obtainfrom Mr Crane at Font-St-Georges, St-Cirq-Madelon. 46300 Gourdon, France.

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France Reference Guide. This ride took eight days averaging about 75 miles a day. Even with our multi-geared touring bikes, I think this is too much and would recommend a daily average of 50-60 miles. The cost for two was £25-£30 a day, much of this going on cold drinks.

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Yes, BR can run a tea party in a nursery

Victoria McKee reports on who will benefit

from a new concept in customer care being

launched next week: the railway station crèche

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could it be that the driver was delayed at home minding the baby? In two areas, at least, that is an excuse that will not wash from next week when British Rail opens its new station-side nurseries - the "Buffer Bear" in Wimbledon and "Turbo Ted's" in Oxford.

Babies as young as three months up to "rising fives" can become railway children at the nurseries being run as a pilot scheme for Network Southeast by two leading providers of corporate creches: Kinderquest and Busy Bees. Located in railway sidings, the nurseries are for both staff and commuters.

Dr Kay Turner, who has been working for two years to get the pilot scheme under way, feels her idea is on the right track. "I put nurseries forward as a costeffective business plan," she says. Network Southeast has problems with personnel, and research in the United States shows that providing employee

senteeism dramatically as well as promoting a feeling of loyalty to the company. Plus, these sites were derelict - and were costing money to maintain. Although setting up the nurseries cost about a quarter of a million pounds each they should

eventually prove profitable." Dr. Turner, aged 44, is a scientist with a doctorate in biological inorganic chemistry. She is also a mother of four. She first suggested the project in her role as chairman of the governors of her daughter's primary school near Waterloo station. Network Southeast then asked her to become first a consultant and then a full time research officer.

"I found I couldn't work when my children were young," she explains, "because the child care arrangements" were so difficult. The one time I did try to work full-time for a year it was

She has insisted that the Network Southeast nurseries be open from 7am until 7pm and be located near where people live, rather than in central London, where they work. (An early plan had been for a nursery at Waterloo.) The nurseries take emergency contact numbers in the area so that should the parent be delayed they can phone someone who lives nearby to pick up the child.

"If need be, of course, we would stay on until the parent arrived," says Marie Davy, the operations director for Kinderquest, which runs the

Oxford nursery. For the moment, each nursery can offer almost 50 places. Priority goes to Network Southeast staff, who are subsidised by the company. Com-muters and anyone else who wishes can book the remaining places on a full or part-time basis. The cost is £100 for a full week for under threes and £80 for three to fives.

Each nursery has an outside play area, complete with large wooden train to climb on, food will be freshly prepared and special diets will be catered for. There are facilities for

> handicapped children. too. Busy Bees and Kinderquest have slightly different concepts of nursery care. Dr Turner says Kinderquest believes more in integrating the children. whereas Busy Bees divides them more into age groups.
> The Kinderquest

nursery is predomilong tunnel nantly yellow, the Busy Bees in blue and green. They are unified by the railway bear logo which will become the symbol of Network Neighbourhood Nurseries.

The Oxford nursery undoubtedly has the edge over the Wimbledon one, since it is right by the side of the platform. Parents can drive right up. leave their car and make the London train in less than five minutes. Children can watch the trains on one side and look out on greenery from the other. The Wimbledon nursery is located in sidings five minutes walk from Wimbledon Park tube station a stop away, on the District line, from Wimbledon railway station.

I stood at Wimbledon station during the evening rush hour, asking commuters whether they would use the nursery — or thought it a good idea. The consensus was that it is a

"It's a wonderful idea," said 30vear-old Isabelle Fisher, a banker in the City, who requires care from 8am until 6.30 for her two children aged one and three. "But Wimbledon Park would not be convenient. I'd like to just drop them here and run. Still, it's very cheap and sounds very good."

For Eileen O'Shea, a secretary aged 35 who needs childcare between 8am and 5.30pm for her tenmonth-old baby, cost was the deterrent. "My childminder is much



On the right lines? Dr Kay Turner at the Oxford nursery, where children can watch the trains

cheaper," she said. Peter Nowlan, a 39-year-old marketing consultant, with children aged three and five, said: "It sounds like very good value and I like the idea. The hours are excellent." He asked whether the nursery might be able provide emergency cover if his nanny was sick. provided there were spaces available, But we see this more as a service to offer to our staff in emergencies to keep the trains running. It is not meant to be a shopper's creche where you leave your children for the

The demand we have had so far has been excellent considering we haven't yet really publicised the service," she adds. "We hope each nursery will eventually become selffinancing. We feel the profit we make from taking other children will offset the subsidies we provide for our staff,

and that the cost is still competitive. We have already had enquiries from InterCity, which is more interested in marketing it as a service to commuters, and from other regional railways under pressure from their staff."

Only 8 per cent of Network Southeast's 35,000 staff are women According to Dr Turner it could, and Dr Turner does not regard child care as just a woman's issue. "By providing such a service you can attract a better quality of recruit which is crucial in a recession, and it will lead to an improvement in overall efficiency," she claims. "I am very bucky that it fitted in to the strategic plan of Network Southeast's personnel director Bernard Williams to develop a more efficient workforce. I was able to show that providing nurseries would be a big cost benefit

to the organisation." Because of the recession, Dr Turner noticed, "most companies

seem to have put progressive plans like this on the back burner. We would like other employers to join in with us, and even if they don't want to make any effort themselves, to contribute to ours." Those who are cynical about British Rail and its concepts of customer care and service should meet Dr Turner or at least take a tour of her nurseries the next time they have time to kill waiting for delayed trains. And for those on the treadmill of commuter parenthood, this could seem like the first chink of

 Application forms for the Oxford nursery: Kinderquest, 32B Market Street, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 IAT (0933 440544). Forms for the Wimbledon nursery: Busy Bees. 6A Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffs... WS13 6PR (0543 416616).

light at the end of a very long tunnel.

A picture of **happiness**

amily is a child's fix on normality. Children start out by believing that they are standard issue: my house is the size of a home: dads who are bigger than my dad are very big dads; mothers less patient than mine are puzzlingly impatient.

Only as they grow and spend more time in the world do children begin to make more objective comparisons. Actually, my home is larger than most; as men go, my father is not a tall man; my mother is saintly, soft or a total sucker. They move from the conviction that what happens in their lives must happen in everyone else's life to an understanding that their domestic arrangements may not be average. And finally to the realisation that if it does happen differently elsewhere, it could happen that way to

Children share a blueprint image of how family life should be. Even now, in the drawings on nursery school walls you can see the elderly archetype. A detached, doublefronted house with smoking chimney pot sits in a green garden protected by a picket fence. A sunbeam-pronged orb shines down on a splayfingered family: one mummy, one daddy and one "me".

Whether you actually live or once lived in a converted canal barge, bungalow or high-rise block with central heating, we have all dwelt at some time in that peaceful crayoned garden. It is an inherited myth about domestic security.

Now everything in garden is not so lovely. As soon as you can count up to three friends, the chances are that one of them will come from a "broken home". Not one house in the garden, but a twocentre set-up. No more the classic "Happy Family" quartet of a Mr. Mrs. Master and Miss, but probably a complex condominium of "steps", exes and bolt-on bits.

Such widespread re-structuring affects not only those children whose parents have separated, but, I suggest, it influences all children. On a practical level, the kids in the garden next door are just not always availably accessible. Your friends may not be around at the week-ends. Tim's gone to visit his dad in Birmingham, Annie cannot come out to play - it's her Access Day.

if, as a child, you see enough of the makings and breakings of other children's families, you cannot but wonder about the stability of your own. In our home (attached on both sides to other houses), my children have one of each inhouse parents (attached by marriage for some 16 years), yet both have shared friend's experience of families at war. Each has been moved to ask at one time or another whether our intentions were honourable: do we intend to split up



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like so-and-so's parents? Of course, you tell them what they want to hear. But how faithfully can you promise them that we are all here in our garden forever?

Part of parenting is explain what's happening in other families. Perhaps your friend is unhappy with you because unhappy stuff is going on in her home. Maybe your best mate has said mean things about your father because at the moment he is thinking mean things about

hildren become attuned to the emotional noise level in their own families. There may be steely buzz of injured wingeing, or blazing fortissimo fights and the brandishing of bread-knives. Over the years they learn which are the decibels to dread and which the sound and fury of no significance. But it is hard for them to distinguish the normal noises of family life when there is so much banging and crashing of domestic disturbance in the neighbourhood.

Harder still, if as a purent you reckon you've the right to an occasional air-clearing row and a bit of constructive platethrowing, to find that every minor difference with your partner may be interpreted as the prelude to divorce.

It is a child's way to feel everything is their fault, to feel that something they did has caused the breakup. And we all need to find a way to prove to our children that they are not responsible. They can neither make a family sepa-rate, nor with all the love and longing in the world can they keep it together.

If the reality is that a third of couples do not live happily ever after, ought we still to be Should we be letting them know Happy Families is only a game, and it is 3-1 that the answer to a query about whether you have both parents in residence will be, "Sorry, not at home".

Perhaps the best we can do is to teach each child that none of it has anything to do with the illusory house and garden. Family life is not about "Happy Families" or happy endings, but about happy, noisy on-goings.

Helping a family to find its voice

afternoon.

atthew Smith was nearly three. a nearly unce. bright little boy who chattered happily and easily until the day in the supermarket when he opened his mouth speak and the words wouldn't come out. His mother, Anwen, remembers as if it was yesterday.
"He tried to say 'who's that

woman? and couldn't. His speech went downhill from then, and in a month he was stammering quite badly," she Mrs Smith was worried.

Could a recent house move have triggered this, she wondered? She had stammered as done so all his life, and she was painfully aware of the anguish caused by this speech defect. Stammering affects 1 per cent of the adult population.

and four times as many men as women. It destroys confidence and self esteem, conceals intelligence, and shadows the sufferer's career and emotional relationships. As a former stammerer, I know that you can expect to be teased, mocked, and ignored: your facial contortions and gagging speech are at best embarrassing, at worst infuriating.

Mrs Smith's health visitor eferred her to the local speech therapy centre in Cambridge. but none of the therapists had any specialised experience of stammening in young children and were reluctant to take Matthew on.

"By now he was at nursery school, blocking words badly. incoherent a lot of the time. and very frustrated and un-happy," she says. "Why do my words get stuck mummy? he said, "I've got so much to say. One day he couldn't even manage to say goodbye to me SFALINK

That was the turning point

A stammer can blight a child's life and drive parents to despair. Now a successful new treatment has

found a solution by treating the entire family unit

Lena Rustin, district speech therapist at the Finsbury health centre, London, the only centre in Britain for the treatment of stammering in children. She went home and telephoned her. She was lucky. Mrs Rustin

agreed to put Matthew on the would be 18 months since that day in the supermarket before Matthew and his parents found the help they needed, but their story is not unusual. and one of several featured on a programme on BBC2 next Monday which highlights the lack of support for stammerers of all ages.

No one quite knows why children stammer. As many as 5 per cent do, but four out of five will grow out of it. Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict which these will be, and if a child is still stammering at six the chances he or she will be fluent are reduced dramatically.

Adult stammerers appear to use the right as well as the left brain hemisphere for speech, evidence of a neurological link involving alpha brainwave patterns. Little research has been done into childhood stammering, however, In young children, linguistic ability can outpace mechanical skills, Mrs Rustin says. "They think faster than they can

Once a child begins stammering other factors come into play: parental reactions and expectations, peer group re-sponse, and their own fastdiminishing confidence. Social skills plummet, in many



cases abetted by over-protective mothers. "I never encouraged Joe to go to the shops or catch the bus," said one mother. "Poor little thing, I thought; he might stammer, people would laugh at him

and he'd feel embarrassed." There is practical advice for parents - don't speak too quickly; don't ask too many questions; speak at the child's level and don't use complicated words. But more subtle and more influential are a parent's emotional reaction and the ways in which these dictate their behaviour towards the

'Parents don't make a child's stammer," Mrs Rustin says, "but they are crucial in how he handles it." Responses

vary. If their marriage is shaky, a stammer can distract a couple from the real problem. Or it may become a bone of contention, one parent being sympathetic, the other saying Leave him alone, he'll grow out of it". "But you can't leave it alone," Mrs Rustin says, "if every time a child opens his mouth, his mother or father has a wobble."

In a volatile family, with siblings butting in and hog-ging the limelight, stammering is an effective way to gain attention, even if it drives everybody mad. Family involvement is so

important that Mrs Rustin insists that both parents attend the two-week NHS funded intensive courses which the Finsbury health centre runs for children aged seven-14 in the Easter and summer holidays. Waiting lists are long: next Easter's course is already fully booked.

Fluency is never guaran-teed, but a recent follow-up analysis of 50 children a year after the course showed that 22 were virtually normal, with less than three stammered words per minute.

The younger the child, the greater the chance of achieving real fluency and less emotional damage. "We're making magical strides with children as young as two." Mrs Rustin says. Since the centre opened at

Finsbury in January, partfunded by the Association for Research into Stammering in Childhood, help can be offered to very young children like Matthew at the time when it is most effective.

Speech therapist Elaine Kelman videos assessment interviews with parents and child, watching their verbal and non-verbal interaction: "How fast do they talk? Does the child try to match the parent's rate? Do they use complicated language? Are they looking at the child? Are they physically close? Therapy is about changing patterns of interaction, and rehearsing these changes at home. In most cases this can have a dramatic effect on the child's

video of herseu her husband with 7 hen she watched the Matthew, Mrs Smith realised that Matthew had stopped looking at people when he spoke. "His eye contact was appalling. We've worked on that since, and it's been a gradual upward curve. When he does make eye contact, his speech becomes better."

She and her husband have made a real effort to keep their own speech slow, learning a technique known as smooth speech, in which words flow together to avoid awkward sounds, and it seems to be paying dividends. Matthew is more fluent and much happi-

"I've been doing 'talking time' in the bath with mummy and daddy," he says. We had prizes for who was the best, and I got the most

prizes last time." ANNE WOODHAM 6 Times Newspapers Ltd 1992

• The Stammering Centre, Finsbury Health Centre, Pine Street, London, ECIR OJJ (071-837-0031). Speaking Out, a BBC2 Open Space programme, will be broadcast at 8.10pm on Monday June



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THE British Film Institute is in something of a quandary. Sir Richard Attenborough, the present chairman, retires later this year, and rumour has it that there is a lively debate as to who should replace him.

One candidate apparently anxious to do so is producer David Puttnam. But Mr Puttnam's appointment is no certainty. Doubting voices with-



Puttnam: too left to be right?

in the BFI point out that with five years of a Conservative government stretching ahead it might not be wise to have such a public Labour supporter as Mr Puttnam at the helm; especially as Wilf Stevenson, the BFI's director, is also a firm Labour

The suggestion is that Mr Puttnam's elevation should be challenged by a Tory, and that he could be none other than Sir Geoffrey Howe, the former Chancellor, who will soon take his place in the Lords. Sir Geoffrey does not list films among his recreations in Who's Who, but that is not preventing discussion of his chances.

ONE victim of United Newspapers' decision to close down Punch magazine after 150 years is its remarkable library and archive of memorabilia, including cartoons and illustrations going back to 1841.

Although nobody at United seems to have realised it yet, the Punch library is an asset which could be capable of generating an annual profit of £100,000 or so, without much effort.

Yet word has it that United is looking for a buyer, and does not know exactly what sort of price to ask. So the famous Punch table,

signed across the generations by many of the great and good, as well as portraits of editors stretching back to Mark Lemmon, the first, could just go to the highest bidder.

THE behaviour of that loudmouthed but undeniably talented comedian Eddie Murphy has been alarming Paramount Pic-tures' executives during the finishing of Boomerang, his first film for the studio for more than two years. Paramount executives claimed at one stage that Mr Murphy was so persistently late on the set that he cost the picture more than \$1 million in extra costs, and that one day he chose to go to the cinema rather than

go to work. Mr Murphy's aides firmly denied that charge, claiming that it was raining when he went to see the film, and that he was back on the set before the crew were ready to resume shooting. Nevertheless, one insider was quoted as saying: "It's too bad the movie's so good because he behaved awfully."

Whatever the truth, Paramount Communications, the studio's holding company, will



Murphy: too rich to be wrong?

not be keen to annoy one of their principal stars. There is too much at stake.

Thanks to the success of the teen comedy Wayne's World Paramount has just turned firstquarter losses of more than \$55m into profits of \$28m in the second, and if Boomerang works at the box office this summer the studio and its master company will be well on the road to recovery.

GEOFFREY WANSELL

A race over high hurdles

Black actors are rarely cast against type. Peter Taylor looks at the

minority experience of British

broadcasting

fter its wartime absence. British relevision returned with a perfectly coiffured woman announcer delivering, in bone-china tones, something between an endorsement of the medium and a public health warning: "To those of you who are watching television for the first time, we would like to sound a note of caution. Television is essentially the entertainment of the home viewer, and it is the family group that our producers and artistes normally consider to be their audience.'

the white middle-class insouciantly stamped on a new generation of programming. Yet the involvement of blacks in British television goes back ten years earlier - to the very first broadcasting day, November 2, 1936, when Buck and Bubbles, the American song and dance duo, soft-shoe shuffled across the screen. As time went by, Britain produced its own black television personalities — Cy Grant, warbling his "news calypsos" on Tonight, for example — but what kind of black involvement was it? Did blacks play

Thus were the cultural values of

sions of black life in Britain did television bring about? A week-long season of pro-grammes — Black and White in Colour - begins on BBC2 this Saturday, and amounts to an oral history of the black experience in British television.

anything more than a token, walk-on role? And what lasting impres-

The project has its roots in research undertaken by the British Film Institute (which has produced two introductory documentaries for the season) and is bound to rekindle debate about "ethnocentricity" in broadcasting.

On one level it is the sort of nostalgic family viewing that even the demure woman announcer of long ago would feel at home with. After the documentaries, there will be re-runs of appropriate episodes of Z Cars, the classic police series of the 1960s, and Empire Road, a



Role reversal: a "blacked-up" chorus for The Black and White Minstrel Show and Lenny Henry's impersonation of David Bellamy

serial written, directed and starring black people, which was first shown in 1978-79. There will also be the 1965 adaptation of E.M. Forster's

novel, A Passage to India.

Spike Lee's disturbing parable of life in American inner cities. Do the Right Thing, will also be screened, as well as interviews with black performers as contemporary and fashionable as the comedian, Lenny Henry (pondering why he joined *The Black and White Min*strel Show).

One difficulty with the season is that it is not entirely clear whether its purpose is to celebrate or to complain. Pearl Connor, who founded the first theatrical agency for black actors, is compelling on the struggle entailed in making a name in those early years. But all actors (and many who are not actors) know how difficult it is to get a lucky break. Is it a unique aspect of the black experience?

And when Mr Grant talks of the "terrible price" he had to pay for becoming famous on *Tonight* (he means he felt patronised), is it so

terrible to be much admired and still widely remembered? According to Colin McCabe, head of BFI's research department and producer of the two documentaries that give the season its name,

allowed a screaming level of prejudice to enter our society." As Mr Powell recently celebrated his S0th birthday to cross-party applause for his parliamentary rigour, this won't wash. If any-

When Johnny Speight invented Alf Garnett it was thought that his apoplectic views would make the character an object of ridicule. Instead, he became a national hero

the notion that British television is essentially racist in its underrecruitment of blacks to top positions is "taken as given". But if racism is widespread in British society, the programmes find an easier scapegoat. The blame descends on Enoch Powell.

"He was the man with the match, he did light the blue paper, and the results were appalling," Desmond Wilcox, the current affairs filmmaker, says in the programme. "It

thing, the "rivers of blood" speech galvanised the liberal consensus. The true nature of prejudice is more pervasive and subtle. When script-writer Johnny Speight in-vented Alf Garnett it was thought by some that his apoplectic views on black immigrants would make the character an object of ridicule.

Instead, he became a national hero. So why is someone like Frank Bruno also a national treasure? Surely because he fulfils the tradi-

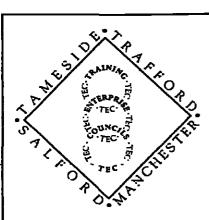
tional function of a British heavy weight boxer to get up from the canvas and say that he was a bit unlucky. Harry.

Here is the dilemma: through Channel 4 in particular, a wide range of programmes is now available for "ethnic minorities" But the "separate but equal" policy serves to accentuate cultural differences, not dissolve them.

A recent report from the Ecunomic and Social Research Council concluded that, while the appearance of black and Asian television actors is roughly proportionate to their numbers in the population, they rarely get a chance to "act outside their skin". It is difficult to see how one can have it both ways.

Does the portrayal of blacks on television make any difference to our actual behaviour - black, as well as white? On the face of it, the evidence from the United States is not encouraging. After years of sitcoms extolling the ideal of middle-class black life, the family unit in black America is still in an advanced state of disintegration.

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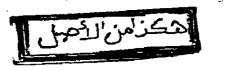
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Once, a blue-blooded face on a women's magazine cover boosted circulation. Now, Jane Reed reports, a good recipe works far better

Royals dethroned by cheesecake

magazines for their devotion to the royals. "Knit-your-own-royal-family" they called them. But, almost without comment, the rovals have disappeared from women's magazines altogether.

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In the 1970s, when I was editing Woman's Own, I published what I remember as being a somewhat unexceptional piece to mark the first wedding anniversary of Prinand Captain Mark Phillips Along the way the piece won-dered why the two of them were not together to celebrate such an important occasion.

A few days after publication, I was summoned to Buckingham Palace - or rather asked to pop along to have a word with the press office — and told that such speculation was not what was expected from a publication such as mine. There were hints of privileges withdrawn. a relationship cooled, if we continued.

I felt my wrists had been well and truly slapped. Gosh! No more special privileges, no more relationship, ... Such was the gravity of the occasion ticking off that it took me several minutes after my Triumph Dolomite had crunched out of the palace precinct for the truth to dawn.

There were no special privileges, no special relationship - unless it was that they took my calls. Courtiers had this extraordinary gift of seeming world, of weaving

Up to the

week you

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a spell around you so that you you had just been party to something not another living soul would ever see or hear again. In those days

women's magazines were important to the

palace's PR programme - if indeed they had anything as formal as a programme. We would frequently get calls almost begging us to cover a royal trip everybody knew. thy than a trip to the dentist. perhaps of getting a special photo position on the route for a royal wedding or even a royal interview.

But it was a two-way street. About one in six covers was a royal. We'd sell more copies, they'd "sell" the royals to a largely uncritical audience. Well not exactly "sell". I remember persuading a nice man from the press office to



Royal family? What royal family? A selection of magazine covers shows them to be totally Windsor-free, but loaded with do-it-yourself tips, food ideas, celebrity gossip and sex

have lunch with a New York magazine editor friend of

"Well, what we want," said the editor, "is an interview with the Queen about being a wife and mother - you know, a little about the kids, her relationship with Prince Philip, how the kids

school, her hopes for their future, that sort of thing." When the mid-1980s a week without Queen's press officer told her that "Di" was a Her Majesty was unlikely to consider such an inthe terview. American editor was flabbergasted. "But we

have got seven million readers out there! Think what great PR this would be for your Queen in the US." The press officer smiled patiently and told her that Her .

Majesty did not need to "sell" herself to the people of anywhere. Which, of course, was only partly true. America she did not need, but us she did and still does. Compared to today's dra-

mas, the royals were living a relatively humdrum life. Got up, ate breakfast, planted a tree, went to Africa for some tions. It was a struggle to find something new to write around yet another set of royal

tour pictures I developed a the thing. They won ringside squint which I still have views to see the St Paul's because every Wednesday af-ternoon I would look at hunprocession and the Thames fireworks. We planned to tour a couple of coaches around dreds of transparencies taken at every royal function during 'the Queen's London".

the previous week.

Happiness was noticing

that after the birth of each of

her children Princess Anne

had her maternity wardrobe

remodelled into normal

clothes: that the Queen had

been wearing the same coun-

try coat for 20 years (ditto

In magazines, they still talk of their most famous royal being

"Crawfie", the Queen's muchloved nanny, began to write a weekly diary in Woman's Own in the 1950s. It was anodyne, fawning stuff but gave some revealing insights into the royal nursery and household. And it is said that if it didn't

exactly have the palace's bless-

ing, they didn't try too hard to stop it. All the sadder, then. that due to the long copy deadlines for magazines in those days, the editors were not able to withdraw a Crawfie column centring on the Royal Family's activities at Ascot that year. You see, at the last

minute (but after Woman's Own had gone to press), the royals didn't go to Ascot. Big problem. Crawfie was struck off, privileges and friendship withdrawn immediately. She finished her days a sad and. I think, bitter woman who would only talk to reporters

through the letterbox of her Scottish cottage.

Last Saturday, I walked through Harrods magazine department; probably the widest selection of British and foreign magazines anywhere. Of the hundreds on show, only two had a British royal on the cover: Paris Match had the Queen's visit to France: Madame Figan, which is running Diana, the Andrew Morton book, exclusively in France, had the Patrick Demarchelier cover picture of the Princess of Wales.

o where have all the Great British Royal Covers gone? Up to the mid-1980s a week without "Di" was a week you didn't buy. Today, although the Duchess of Kent and the Princess of Wales put themselves up for the glossies, few royals put on more sales than a decent strawberry shortcake recipe or the confessions of a mistress. Presumably the glut devalued the currency.

The fact is, of course, that when the newspapers discovered the value of a good royal story, with their shorter deadlines and tougher line on sycophancy, they could beat any magazine in sight except Hello!

But stick around. After the latest revelations, the serious money's on a rebirth of the royals in the mass circulation weeklies. So pull yourself together, Woman's Own, You owe it to your roots. You can't let The Sunday Times have it

Local papers go to the top of the class

Pupils and proprietors are both benefiting from

Newspapers in Education — new readers start here

ewspaper sales have fallen drastically over the past 20 years; and research shows that it is among the young that the reading habit is dying fastest. Overall literacy rates are down as well - there are now . five and a half million illiterate or innumerate adults in the UK. But what can papers do to stop this decline towhere television is king?

One approach is Newspa-pers in Education (NIE). Ask any of the delegates at last week's Newspaper Society conference what NIE is and you will get a different answer. Is it a way for newspapers to worm themselves into the adolescent psyche and create subconscious brand loyalty? Is it a means for teachers to get free reading resources? Is it about literacy or commerce, pragmatism or idealism? Nobody is really sure: everybody, though, has a hunch that NIE might be very

mportant.
NIE has been actively pursued in this country since the mid 1980s, primarily in the regional press where it is possible to forge closer links with particular schools and colleges. Within the umbrella of NIE activities are schemes by which papers are delivered to schools every day (often the returns of the previous day's inal edition); there are tours of editorial and print sites. and special newspapers are written and produced by the schools using desk top pubishing with printing assis-

The benefits are manifold. in a time of recession, when O APPLARS ON PAGE book prices are high, newspa-

- can be a cheap resource. NIE is also believed to encourage awareness of design writing, and the production of school newspapers helps to build skills such as team work and communication.

Traditionally teachers were believed to use NTE merely to preach the evil of the press to their impressionable charges. Times, it seems, have changed. Graham Woodham, managing director of Parker Tanner Woodham, the com-

Teachers are now less inclined to believe that all papers are full of lies

pany commissioned by the Newspaper Society to study the effects of the scheme, says that "there isn't any major resistance to newspapers in the classroom these days": though clearly teachers have higher priorities than implementing NIE schemes.

His report makes interesting reading. Few pupils valued free newspapers, other than for finding a secondhand bicycle. Most found national broadsheets to be boring, impenetrable and highly daunting". However, it is their reaction

to the tabloid press which is most illuminating. While the pupils generally had internalised a critical view of tabloids — that they rode roughshod over the individwere often "trashy and unbe lievable" — most still enjoyed reading them, "just for a without accepting their content as true.

According to many teachers the regional press, using a language more sober than that of the tabloids, and a tone and vocabulary simpler than that of the national broadsheets, is ideally suited for children. Few pupils below A-level standard are ready for the "heavy" nationals, while the popular tabloids do not cover the kind of issues they wanted in the classroom.

Mr Woodham concluded in his report that "NIE can modify the casual dismissal of a regional newspaper as being for the pupils' parents' or grandparents' generation. Equally, an extended period of reading and studying local papers could help to dissociate the titles from the kinds of prejudice that are associated with the national press."

"NIE is about partner-

ship," says Mary Davis, NIE co-ordinator for Bradford's Telegraph and Argus, whose scheme has been running for four years. "It is both about literacy and selling papers," she says. Over the past four years Ms Davis has raised over £1 million to fund projects through local and national sponsorships. As a result papers are delivered to 42 educational centres each day and distributed among pupils between the ages of 13 and 18."As a teaching aid it's immediate and tangible," she says. Ms Davis claims that teachers are now less inclined to believe that all papers are full of lies and distortions.



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Planners with people in mind

If you want to improve a community's quality of life, Beryl Dixon writes, this could be the career for you. But it requires training and dedication

tute's careers booklet starts with two questions, "Do you want to improve the quality of life for people?" and "Do you want to protect the environment?" Everybody who has chosen to work as a planner answers "Yes" to both questions. They very much want to improve people's living conditions — providing for housing, industry and recreation and conserve the environment. Unfortunately, the two are often difficult to reconcile. No planning decision can please everybody, whether it concerns the suggested Channel Tunnel routes, pro-posed new town developments or the various bypasses under discussion around the country.

Planning is important, especially in these days of environmental consciousness, and planners believe that nowadays they have more scope for balancing environmental concerns. Recent planning legislation means that the presumption is against development. Would-be developers must prove that their proposals meet an essential need, in contrast to the 1980s, when development was given the green

light unless positively opposed.

Opportunities for planners to work in the private sector have grown considerably in recent years. There are now some 1,250 planning consultancies retained by individuals making planning applica-tions or preparing appeals, and increas-

he Royal Town Planning Insti-ingly carrying out project work for government departments on a commission basis. There is therefore more movement in and out of public and private sectors than was once the case.

Most qualified planners, however, work for one of 500 government, local authority and development corporation offices. Inner-city and rural areas obviously face different problems, and the two tiers of government planning departments also offer different career opportunities.

County councils take care of strategic planning, preparing structure plans or policy statements on development of their areas and ensuring public consultation. The majority of time in district councils' planning departments is spent assessing planning applications and turning the structure plan into detailed local plans. liaising with county departments.

One of the largest planning departments outside the big cities is in Winchester. Hampshire County Council's planning department has, as well as technical and support staff, more than 40 planning officers with wide experience. Not all are planning graduates. Some have backgrounds in surveying, archaeology, chemistry, architecture and engineering.

Hampshire is not without its controversies: everybody has heard of the Winchester bypass. Other contentious issues include developers' proposals to build a



Doing things that are fundamental to everyday life: Richard Lemon, a planning officer at his council's new offices

and an entire new village at Micheldever in the heart of the downlands. The county

council opposes both plans.
"In these cases," explains Richard
Lemon, a principal planning officer with
Hampshire county council, "our department said we saw no need for such developments. The county is already committed to building a large number of new houses in existing areas. And its policy is to restrain growth, concentrating instead on redeveloping urban areas such as the Southampton and Portsmouth docklands." Politicians, of course, take the

final decisions, but planners brief and advise them. In doing so, it is essential that before presenting the results to councillors, planners make an impartial and professional assessment.

Most planners spend the early part of their careers with local authorities and are usually advised to move around during this time, gaining experience in different sizes and types of office. Ultimately, they may decide to opt for breadth of work in a small department or decide to specialise by joining a large authority where

Planners train in one of three ways: by attending a recognised degree course in planning, by gaining a degree in a related subject followed by a full or part-time postgraduate course in planning and. finally, by becoming a trainee in a planning department and completing a distance-learning course from the Open University and a consortium of planning schools. Approved practical experience is required before membership of the Royal

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I f you really want to belp the community, this is a great career to choose, says Richard Lemon, a council planning officer. "Although planners are one step removed from the com-munity," he adds, "we do things that are fundamental to everyday life.

"Planning is the only real tool for influencing the environment. I also enjoy this job because I like being at the forefront of issues I see reported on the regional television news or in the lotal papers almost every day."

Mr Lemon, who is a principal planning officer with Hampshire county council describes his cureer path as "untypical" in that he started out by studying architecture, then transferred to a plan-ing degree course, which he did not

"I then became a planning trainee at the bottom of the ladder with Bedfordshire county council and studied for the professional examinations by myself."

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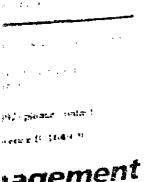
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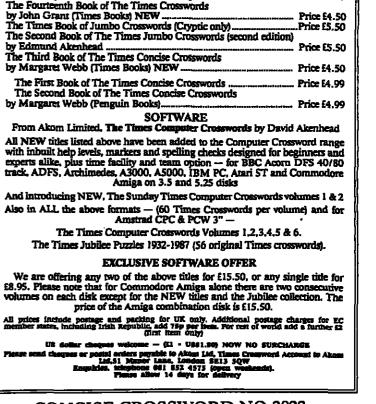
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problems for black, e.g. 1 ... Qa4 2 Qd8. Solution: the subtle ? Obdi creates unanaverable 10.00 News, regional news and weather (6320439) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young is (4043472) 10.25 Bananaman (r) (6823526) 10.35 Beautywise, itz Earle and Karen Krizanovich with advice on fighting celluite, news of beauty salon treatments and another make-up lesson (r) (4193526)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (9544694) 11.05 Travel Show Guides. What the west coast of ireland has to offer the holidaymaker in addition to its stunning beauty (r) (3946007) 11.35 Major Dad. American domestic comedy (4456120)

12.00 News, regional news and weather (7798588) 12.05 Summer Scene. Magazine series presented by Caron Keating and Linda Mitchell from the National Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale. Today's guests include Michael Bentine and chef Michael Barry who prepares a Thai chicken curry (8228578) 12.55 Regional News and eather (60628052)

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (78236) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (59491675)

1.50 Wimbledon 92. Steffi Graf begins the defence of her women's singles title against N. van Lottum of France (s) (56114033) 4.10 Just So Stories, Geoffrey Matthews with Rudyard Kipling's The Butterfly That Stamped (r) (6329965) 4.20 Watt on Earth. Episode 11 of the 12-part science fiction comedy thriller (s) (5932863) 4.35 Pirates of Dark Water. Animated adventures of a 17-year-old space age warrior. (Ceefax) (4197762)

5.00 Newsround (6502359) 5.10 Activ-8. High energy activities for young people. In this programme — doudhopping, ski-bobbing, fives and kabbadi. (Ceefax) (5) (9131762)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax: (s) (535859). Northern Ireland: Inside 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax)

Weather (304) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (636). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Noel's Addicts. Noel Edmonds meets a couple with a passion for buses and a man who collects toilet paper. (Ceefax) (s) (4897)



Wedding plans: Susanna Dawson and Todd Carty (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Aids-stricken Gill (Susannah Dawson) prepares for her marriage to Mark (Todd Carty). (Ceefax) (5) (168)

8.00 Just Good Friends. Another episode in the hot and cold relationship of Vince and Penny (r). (Ceefax) (3197)
8.30 Crime Limited presented by Sue Cook and Nick Ross. A behind-the-scenes look at crime investigation. This week the programme joins PC Peter Clements, the officer resposible for investigating deaths in the River Thames. (Ceefax) (s) (2052)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6743)

9.30 Boys From the Bush. Douglas Livingstone's comedy drama series starring Tim Heald and Chris Haywood as two west Londoners who set up a private detective agency in Melbourne. (Ceefax) (878236) 10.20 Today at Wimbledon. Harry Carpenter introduces highlights from the traditional "Ladies' day". (Ceefax) (s) (276014)

11.20 More Than a Game

● CHOICE: In 1938 Moscow Spartak defeated Dynamo Thilisi on the football field. It was not an occasion for rejoicing. Dynamo was the home team of Bena, the head of the KGB, and the result cost three Spartak players and the manager, all brothers, 12 years in prison and labour camps. Such was sport in the Soviet Union. Now everything has changed. Instead of being processed by the state to perform to the greater glory of communism, sportsmen are having

to find their own way in the free market. Many of them are going abroad, while Russian entrepreneurs try to model teams and dubs on those in the West. This is another revealing film in an excellent series which has proved how much more there is to sport than what we see on the field of play (490052)

12.10am Weather (8660279). Ends at 12.15 2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Management training series (348811). Ends at 3.15

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6.45 Open University: The Melbury Road Set (9940033) Ends at 7.10 8.00 News (1983878)

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8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both houses (6478014) 9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Harry Carpenter introduces highlights of the action from the first day of the championships (f) (39410) 10.00 Crickets Second Test. Richie Benaud reviews play on the final day of the second Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's (r) (s) (21830)

10.30 Film: Tarzan Triumphs (1943, b/w) starring Johnny Weissmale: and Johnny Sheffield. The second world war encroaches on the file of the jungle hero when Nazi paratroopers arrive to take contro' of a hidden city. Directed by William Thiele (8623033) 11.45 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams. The first of a 13-part

musical series presented by Matthew Devitt and Sophie Aldred (r) (s) (6252526) 12.00 Wimbledon '92. The opening matches of the traditional Ladies' day. The commentators are John Barrett, Ann Jones and Virginia

Wade (s) (302946) 3.00 News and weather (9716878) followed by Westminster Live introduced by Vivian White (5304439) 3.50 News, regional news

and weather (4555491) 4.00 Wimbledon '92. Desmond Lynam introduces further live coverage of the championships (75851946)

8.15 Assignment: The Great Organ Bazzar. This last in the series is a disturbing report about the burgeoning trade in human spare parts. Peter Gill visits India, China, the Gulf and the United States to see for himself the ethical and human issues raised by the trade and the authorities' attempts to control it (795217)

9.00 Quantum Leap. Off-beat American science fiction starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. In this episode he finds himself back in July 1964 and in the body of a 13-year-old boy facing a family crisis. (Ceefax) (s) (857:10)



In charge of educating Lewisham: Leisha Fullick (9.50pm)

 CHOICE: Tonight's fly-on-the-wall report from Lewisham Council
in south London continues the sage of the great education
overspend. Viewers may still be puzzled as to why the education department was suddenly faced with having to cut £10 million from its budget. Despite helpful captions, the finer points of local government finance remain a mystery. What is not in dispute is that Lewisham has an uproar on its hands and must try to limit the damage. In the circumstances the decision by the education chair to invite a lobby of his own committee seems like an own goal. So many protesters turns up that the the civic centre comes under siege and the meeting is cancelled. Meanwhile Leisha Fullick, the beleaguered director of education, reveals that her brother is a riest and has said mass for her. (Ceefax) (870156) 10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (123930)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (768965) 11.55 Weather (823101)

12.00 Open University: Donegal — Tradition and Change (45298). Ends

2.00 BBC Select: TV Edits (2038231). Ends at 2.45

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6.00 TV-am ::402255: 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword quit game hosted by Tom O'Connor. The guests are Memil Thomas and Dickie Davies (6061762) 9.55 hames News (1798859) 10.00 Out of this World. American cornedy series about a teenaged girl

with an alter father and a human mother (r) (s) (25656) 10.30 This Morning, Magazine senes (48954304)

12.10 Treasure Box, Early earning senes (1) (7969205) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (6184507) 1.10 Thames News (62612946) 1.20 Home and Away Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (18777491) 1.50 A Country Practice (s) (68746946)

2.20 The Full Treatment Includes a look at various ways animals influence our health, the use of animals in the search for a cure for muscular dystrophy, and a report on the new changes in the quarantine rules (97736878) 2.50 Families. Soap linking the north of England and Australia (7286236) 3.15 FIN News headines (9726255) 3.20 Themes News headines

19723168) 3.25 The Young Doctors Drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital (3603101)

3.55 Thomas the Task Engine and Friends. Animation (4558588) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales (#) (4059052) 4.30 Time Riders, Sci-li

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5.10 Blockbusters, General knowledge quiz (9277698)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Oracle) Weather (782830)
5.55 Thames Help (rr. 744287) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (472)
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7.30 Nature Watch: The Secret Sounds of Nature. Julian Pettifer explores Anglesey in the comapny of Tim Davies who records the sounds of nature not normally heard. (Oracle) (236)
8.00 The Bill: Punching Judy. The Sun Hill force investigate a husband's bruta' attack on his wife; and another wife's daim that her husband is going to poison her. (Oracle) (5385)

8.30 The Comedians. A showcase for Britain's new breed of stand-up furny men (7120).

9.00 Firm Friends. Episode two of Lou Wakeheld's four-part drama starring Billie Witneslaw and Madhur Jaffrey as partners in a fastfood business, (Crade: (7217) 18.00 News at Ten with Alastan Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather (85965: 10.30 Thames News (642878)



Age to age: three seven-year-old German girls (10.40pm)

10.40 7 Up — Germany.

 CHOICE: Germany's seven-year-olds turn out to be notably less knowledgable and articulate than their Japanese counterparts interviewed last week. While the young Japanese had an answer for everything, these kids are often stumped. It is innocence indeed not to have heard of the Berlin Wall or of Ench Honecker. The format throws up its usual quota of gerns, as when one lass confesses that her favourite television viewing is films with naked women. On more senous matters, two sons of Turkish immigrants reveal their isolation and the other youngsters reveal their distaste of the Turks.

At the end of the film there is a party. The west German kids play together, the east German kids play together and the Turkish lads play by themselves. It is a hardly a good omen for a country trying to unify itself. (Oracle) (827897) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Women behind bars drama serial (694698)

12.30am Video View. The latest releases reviewed by Mariella Frostrup (85540)

1.30 The Equalizer, McCall (Edward Woodward), the ageing avenger, comes to the aid of a priest being threatened by the KGB (r) (54989)
2.30 Donahue. The guests are Diole Carter, Diana Muldaur, Jacklyn Zeman and Marcy Walker, all actresses who play working women on television (3785182)

3.30 60 Minutes. Award-winning American news magazine (36057) 4.30 No Greater Gift. Two men, both in hospital fighting life-threatening illnesses, become best friends (84618) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Bridget Rowe (33453). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Channel 4 Daily (1400897) 9.2% Schools (84627304) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (82878)
12.30 Business Dally. New and analysis from the world's financial centre.

(94101) 1.00 Sesame Street: Pre-school learning senes. The guest is Cagney and Lacey actress Tyne Daly (99656)

2.00 Film: Every Sunday (1936, bAv) starting Dearma Durbin and Judy Garland. Musical tale of two young women who, through they singing, help their local Sunday afternoon concert achieve record attendances. Directed by Felix E. Fest; (85601087)

2.15 Film: Up its Central Park (1948, blw) starring Deanna Durbin and

Dick Haymes Romantic musical cornedy set in 1870s New York about a singer and her reporter boyment who unmask a comproduction. Directed by William A. Sevier (243965)

3.50 Pete Smith Specialities (b/w). The drawbacks of Iwing with one's mother-in-law (4557859)

4.00 Food File. Drew Smith investigates whether the food we eat is as safe as we are told (r). (Teletism) (s) (965)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving knock-out quiz game hosted by Wilham G Stewart (s) (148)

5.00 Pushing the Limits: Mountain Men. The story of two Swiss mountain guide who risked their lives to save a group of stranded climbers (r) (7743) 5.30 Beat That Young people accept challenges posed by Milk Scarlet

Last in the series (101) 5.00 The Muppets Calebrate Jim Henson A tribute to the late muppet-creator (r) (55520)

7.00 Channel 4 News with jon Snow and Flona Murch. (Teletext) Weather (182168) 7.50 Comment (366762)

8.00 Borderlands CHOICE: The useful series on disputed European border areas moves to Belgium to investigate the state of tension between the Flemings and the Walloons. There is a nice paradox here. Brussels is Flemings and the Walloons. There is a nice paradox here. Brussels is the capital of the European Community, which is butly trying to abolish national frontiers. At the same time it is the capital of Flanders, which is determined to preserve its identity. The many is that most people in Brussels speak not Flemish but French, But the film's main focus is on a commune near Maastricht, a pan of Flanders but with a majority in favour of joining Wallonse. Loyalties are firmly entrenched, with one man saying he feels Flemish Inst, European second and that Belgium is a meaningless concept. The good news is that Belgium seems able to contain its differences and shows no sinn of heromine a Yunostakia. (Teletest) (6755)

shows no sign of becoming a Yugoslavia. (Teletext) (6255)
8.30 Views of Kew: The Footsteps of Hooker. An expedition retracing the steps made by Sir Joseph Hooker in north-east Nepal to collect botanical specimens for Kew Gardens (r). (Teletext) (5762)



Sensuous sounds of Brazik songster Chico Buerque (9,00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: Turbulent Landscapes - Chico Buarque's Brazil. A portrait of Brazi's celebrated singer/songwriter whose career has spanded more than a quarter of a century (379014) 9.45 Short and Curies: The Hangover. A surreal tale of a man who discovers that after a notous party his household posessions take a life of their own and are out for revenge. Starring Kevin McNally (r). (Teletext) (186255)

10.00 Film: H (1990) staring Martin Neufeld and Pascale Monpetit. The Cinema Canada season continues with this drama about two lovers who share the horrors of withdrawal from heroin addiction. Directed by Darrell Wasyk (Teletext) (669946) 11.40 Empty Nest, American cornedy series starring Richard Mulligan (r) (401743)

12.10am Steve Reich: A New Musical Language. A review of the life and work of Steve Reich. With contributions from clarinettist Richard Stoltzman, flautist Ransom Wilson and members of Reich's own ensemble (s) (6328811)

1.15 Clip Class. Archive amateur film of a couple dancing to Nikita Magaloff's interpretation of Stravinsky's Tango (s) (3477521) 1.25 Film: The Rossiter Case (1950) starring Helen Shingler. A pre-horror Hammer about a paralysed woman who accidentally kills her sister-in-law (1990989). Ends at 2.45

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show (19408965) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (1154014) 8.55 Lamb Chops Mrs Pepperpot (1154014) 8.55 Lamb Chops Playa-Long (5715491) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (45859) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal (96168) 10.30 The Bold and the Beautiful (15120) 11.00 The Young and the Resides (15120) 11.00 The Young and the Resides (15120) 12.00 St Essewhere (51410) 1.00pm E Street (25168) 1.30 Geraldo: discussion about male rape (56878) 2.30 Another World (7232278) 3.15 Brady Bunch (303236) 3.45 DI Kar Show (4805304) 5.00 Facts of Life (4675) 5.30 Different Strokes (8120) 6.00 Love at First Sight (5033) 6.30 E Street (6385) 7.00 Ali (4495) 7.30 Candid Carmera (5897) 8.00 Say Rides (39217) 10.00 Studs (53471) 10.30 Hinchhiker (23149) 11.00 JJ Starbuck (92007) 12.00 Pages from Skytext

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6.00am Sunrise (2037946) 9.30 Nightine (36101) 10.00 Dayline (87410) 10.30 Be-yond 2000 (42675) 11.30 Japan Business Today (4255323) 11.45 International Busi-Today (4255322) 11.45 International Business Report (1199217) 12.30pm Good Morning America (461911 1.30 ABC News (47120) 2.30 Parliament Live (7223120) 3.15 Parliament Live (2335526) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (5410) 5.00 Live Ar Five (17385) 6.30 Newsline (47323) 8.30 Target (63859) 10.30 Newsline (47323) 8.30 Target (63859) 10.30 Newsline (47323) 8.30 Target (63859) 12.30 Newsline (90366) 3.30 ABC News (92163) 2.30 Target (90366) 3.30 ABC News (958111 4.30 Beyond 2000 (22892) 5.30 Newsline (83566) SKY MOVIES+

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 6.00am Showcase (3236491)

10.00 Fire: Trapped on the 37th Floor (1991; Action drama (43491) 12.00 A Desperate Edit (1986): Winy did a boy commit suicide? (53878)

SKY SPORTS

• Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite 6.30am Morning Stretch (60912) 7.00 Supe boy commit suicide? (53878)

1.00pm All the Kids Do It (1984): A high diver has an accident (62526)

2.00 That Touch of Mink (1962): Cary Grant pursues Doris Day (82304)

4.00 Who Has Seen the Wind? (1977): Two boys in the depression (8014)

6.00 Fire; Trapped on the 37th Floor (as shown at 10am) (20979781)

7.40 Entertainment Tonight (754878)

8.00 Dead Run (1991): A wife witnesses her husband murder his mistress (74385)

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

ory Peck in the biblical epic (35830) 8.00 Bahar: The Movie (1989): (4140965) 9.25 The Diary of Anne Frank (1959): Jewish family persecuted by Nazis 428770949

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2.10 Might of the Cyclone (1990): Krs Vinstofferson plays a detective (802195) 3.45 To Kill a Priest (1988): Drama (322618), Ends at 5.40am THE COMEDY CHANNEL

Via the Astra satellita.
 4.00pm Mr Ed (3236) 4.30 Punky Brewster (2120) 5.00 Green Acres (6217) 5.30 Beaver (3472) 6.00 Mr Betvedere (2085) 6.30 Three's Company (4965) 7.00 F Troop (9781) 7.30 McHale's Navy (4209) 8.00 Are You Being Served? (5101) 8.30 Might Court (4236) 9.00 Hogart's Heroes (46052) 9.30 Mc Betvedere (33149) 10.00 Guys 'N' Ools (95491) 10.30 McHale's Navy (11439)

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10.30am Jokes Wild (1906236) 10.55 The Rich and Famous (8218304) 11.28 Body Talk (1131598) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow (8182472) 11.50 Sally Jessy Raphael (5548762) 12.45 Lunchbox (933491) 1.15 Joan Rivers (8996830) 1.50 Rafferty's Rules (7881120) 2.50 Lifestyle Plus (2074965) 3.00 Sel-a-Visson (2472) 3.30 Feshion File (2101) 4.00 Tea Break (5149830) 4.10 WKRP In Cincinnato (3656255) 4.40 Jackpot (5827472) 3.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (6052) 6.00 Reminigton Steele (70656) 7.00 Sel-a-Vision (234946) 10.00 Jukebox Music Videos (93946) 12.00 Denise Austin (79366) 2.00-(93946) 12.00 Denise Austin (79366) 2.00-3.00am Last Dance (70892)

RADIO 1

PM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (PM only) 6.00 Mark Goodier 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jakki Brambles 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 6.00 Neale James' Mega Hits 6.30 News 92 7.00 Neale James 9.00 Elvis Costello 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Bob Harris

PM Stereo A.00am Alex Lester 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes Good Morning UKI 9.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes Good Morning UKI 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Alk Roy Hudd presents the third programme in the series that relives the life of the singer, Al Bowly 7.30 Chris Stuart's Plano Parlour 8.00 Thicker Than Water: Sarah Kennedy asks George and Torn Melly if being blood relatives makes them share the same tastes, musical and otherwise 8.45 At the Console 9.00 Singing the Chy: Carl Chrin, social Instonan, talks to the inhabitants of Birmingham about the oty's year as UK City of Music 10.00 Dorita's Latin Music Show 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Mirdsummer Night's Jazz 1.00 Bill Rennets with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sports on the hour to 7.00pm.
6.00mm World Service Newshour 6.30 Danny
Baker's Morning Edition 9.00 for Schools: See
for Yourself; 9.15 First Steps in Drama; 9.35 Wordplay; 9.45 Singing Together; 10.05 Time to
Move 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm A Family
Learns Spanish 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.30 Wirmbledon '92 7.30 Blade of the
Poisoner: The first episode of a four-part story by Douglas Hill 8.00 Popcall 9.15 The Olympic
Years, 8, 1976 Montreal and Irrisbruck 10.10 Earshot: the hottest music and talk from
Scotland

WORLD SERVICE

All times in 85T. 4.30am World Business
Report 4.40 Travel & Weather News 4.45 News
& Press Review in German 5.30
Europe Today 5.59
Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Counterpoint 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 The Olympians 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Concert Half 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report Iive 10.15 An A-Z of Rock and Pop 10.30 The Learning World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Discovery 11.30 Londres Mids 11.45 Midstangeazen 11.59 Business Update 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Megamix 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Outbook Iive 3.30 Off the Shelf, An Occasion for Lonning 3.45 Sports News 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World 8 Brishi News 5.44 Travel News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Outbook 8.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Mendian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Megamix 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05 Multiple Business Report 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 World News 2.05 Outbook 2.30 Worles Concert Hall 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omedius 2.00 World News 2.05 Outdook 2.30 Women in Power 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Development '92 4.00 World News 4.09 COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND CAROLINE DONALD

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia
As London except 7.20.8.00 Countywide (582859) 7.30-8.00 Country

BORDER BONDEN
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sors and Daughters (3603101) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9277698) 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday (472) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (192) 7.30-8.00 Wide Angle (236) 11,40 Film: Night Partners (619236) 1.25 Video View (3699811) 2.25 60 Minutes (1500989) 3.20 Night Beat (1602892) 4.20 The Look in the Mirror (8135347) 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder (9347144)

CENTRAL As London except: 18.00am-18.30 An Invitation to Remember (Machael Denison, Dulcie Grey) (25656) 2.50-3.15 The Young Doctors (7296226) 3.25-3.55 Families (3603101) 6.25-7.00 Central News (582859) (\$503101) 62-7,000 Central News (\$62859) 7:30-8,000 The Tuesday Specal (236) 11,400 Film: McCloud — The Solid Gold Swingers (723978) 1,30 Sport AM (\$4989) 2,30 The Big E (\$7540) 3,30 60 Minutes (8726347) 4,25 Pick of the Week (33809521) 4,55-5,30 Central Jobfinder '92 (8012796)

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5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Brefing 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament

11.30 Medicine Now; Geoff Watts reports on the health of

medical care 12.00 You and Yours with John

12.25pm Flying the Flag: Endangered Species by Alex Shearer. The growing awareness of environmental

issues in the People's

Democracy also brings a clearer vision of true Western

attitudes to pollution. Are the diplomats headed for

oiplomats headed for extinction? Starring Dinsdale Landen, Peter Acre and Moir Leslie (2 of 8) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre; Belongings, by Julia Stoneham Jean believes moving into 1.4 Lavender Road is a new

avender Road is a new

beginning in more ways than one. Starring Shaun Prendergast, Tara Dominick and Irene Sutcliffe (s) 2.30 Richard Baker Compares

Michael Lowe (s)

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Notes with lutenist Robert Spencer and the lute-maker

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily (1400897) 9.25 Schools (84627304) 12.00 The Parlament Programme (82878) 12.30 News (32328410) 12.35 Slot Methrn (3608897)

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather, News 7.00 Morning Concert Haydn (Cassation in G. Hill 1); Dussek (Harp Sonata)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert cont: Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody No 1); Krommer (Wind Sextet in E flat); John Danyel (Like as the lute delights); Walton (Suite, As You Like II); Buxtehude (Fassacaglia in D

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
8ruch. Odysseus, Op 41,
excerpts: Serenade Op 75:
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
under Kurt Masur, with
Salvatore Accardo, violin
9.25 Monthing Sergence: Schubert

Salvatore Accardo, violin 9.35 Morning Sequence: Schubert (Variations on a theme by Hüttenbrenner, D 576; Sonata in A D 959); Brahms (Scherzo, FAE, Sonata); Dvořák (Sonatina in G, Op 100); Stanford (Insh Phanede No.51: Variana) M G, OP 100; Stamon (Irsh Rhapsody No 5); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis); Tippett (String Quartet No 1) BBC Concert Orchestra under

Gregory Rose, with Makodim Binns, piano: Glazunov (Vesna, Spring, Op 34); Lyapunov (Symphonic Poem, Zhelyazova Volya Op 37): Balakirev (Piano Concerto No 2 in E flat); Picture: Sadko, Op 5)

1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Fretwork performs consort music and fantasias by Jenkins, Gibbons, Purcell and Lawes 2.00 Music Weekly 2.40 Mahler. Das Lied von der Ende

performed by BBC PO under Kurt Sandering, with Carolyn Watkinson, mezzo, and John Mitchinson, tenor (r)
3.50 Les Six and the Clarinet Victoria Soames, clarinet, and Julius Drake, piano, play Milhaud (Sonatine), Honegger (Sonatine); Tailleferre (Sonatma); Polenc (Sonata) 4.30 Smetana: Emerson Quartet

Chorale and Fugue) plays String Quartet No 1 in E mirror, From My Life 5.00 Alan Rawsthorne Ulster Orchestra under Branthwaite, with Malcolm Binns, piano, plays Overture, Street Corner; Piano Concerto No 1

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Paul Bailey talks to
Aldo Busl about his new novel,
Sodomies in Eleven Point 7.30 BACH: List's piano
arrangement of his Fantasy
and Fugue on BACH for organ,
played by Leslie Howard
7.45 Bach, the Colourful
Dramatist: The last of four
programmes like from the

programmes, live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Londo Choir and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, with James Bowman (alto), Christoph Prégardien (tenor) and Peter Harvey (bass) perform Cantata No 8, Liebste Gott, wann werd'ich sterben? Jesu, meine Freunde, BWV 227, incl 8.40 Nicholas

227, Incl 8.40 NICTIONAS
Anderson tables to Sir William
Glock, 8.50 Camtata No 45, Es
ist dir gesagit, Mensch, was gut
ist; Suite No 3 in D, BWV
1068; Cantata No 50, Nun ist 9.45 Drama Now: Dictator Gal CHOICE: Just in case (most unlikely!) we have problems identifying the originals in David Zane Mairowitz's saturical musical in which the ex-chanteuse wife of an ousted dictator thes singing

him out of dying, there are pointed remarks about her vast collection of footwea Yes folks, this is the Ferdinand and imelda show, with greedy write (Josette Simon) bongodrumming on the hospital bedpan while vie husband calls back his gory glory days. Composer-arranger Trevor Allan cruelly plunders Cole Porter and Wagner and adds a few corrosive songs of his own 10-20 Horszowski at 100: The first of three porcarmers of

of three programmes of recordings by the pianist. Bach (Two Preludes and Fugues, Well-tempered Clavier, Bk1); Mozart (Fantasy in D minor, K397); Beethoven (Sonata in A Op 2 No 2); Franck (Prelude,

11.39 News
11.35 Composers of the Week:
Boccherini (String Quartet in E,
Op 11 No 5; Sonata No 2 in C,
Op 5 No 2; H'chord Concerto in E flat) (r)
1.00am Night School. Except in

(32328401 12.35 Not Metrryn (300889)* 1.00 Friteen To Che (61946) 1.38 Busney, Daily (93472) 2.00 The Music Game (649); 2.30 Fam; Best Foot Forward (11005217) 4.10 The Oprah Wintry Show (4026149); 5.00 Kate and Alie (7743) 5.30 The Costy 5.00 Kate and Alie (77-43) 5.30 The Cosby Show (101) 6.00 Laurel and Hardy (625472) 6.05 Road to Auoniea (964304) 7.05 News (689965) 7.15 Heno Tr. Chwarter (367323) 8.00 Traed Dan Bwrdd (6255) 8.30 News (893526) 8.55 He Mr DJ (597897) 9.30 Burch of Five The Weekenders (14965) 10.00 The Golden Gifs (83507) 10.30 This is Tomortow (63101) 11.30 True Stories (626526) 1.15 Close

RADIO 4

Starts: 12.50pm One World Art (3353959)
1,00 News (2127236) 1,30 Agrtel Financial
Pages (53250781) 1,40 Death Valley Days
(82831052) 2,05 Perry Mason (9261965)
3,00 News (4926101) 3,05 Yan Can Cock
(7437052) 3,35 Inventions (712743) 4,00
News (99065160) 4,05 Kare and Alie
(22795120) 4,30 Gloss (1307168) 5,20 Oat
of Limits (93656149) 5,30 A Country
Practice (8443168) 6,00 The Angelus
(8630439) 6,01-7,00 Six-One (7063149)

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Time (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleldoscope includes a feature on teaching people to improvise comedy (s)
4.45 Short Story. King Kong by Lisa Cody. Read by Susan Jeffrey

3.00 Prime Minister's Question

Time (LW only)

5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Frank Partridge 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Miles and Milliner Show: 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 -10.30 The Secret Diary of Tax Collector (FM only): Stell Comedy and music with Tom Miles and Rob Miliner (s) 7.00 News 10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Acts of the Apostes .
10.30 Woman's Hour: The authors lan McEwan and Emma Tennant discuss writing about

7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20-8.00 A Sultcase Full of
Dollars (FM only).

CHOICE: Gerry Northam's File on Four inquiry into how offshore tax havens — the British Virgin Islands get special dishonourable mention — are obstructing the war against the drugs barons who use the havens to launder their dirty money. The chances of preventing company laws from increasingly being illegally exploited do not look promising Maney buys

respectability, someone says tonight, and "plausible demability" is rampoint in these havens which, Northam concludes, are ready to

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9.00 in Touch: body language

9.30 Kaleidoscopa (s) tr)

9.45 Financial World Tonight with
Simon Cox (s)

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 A Book at Baddime Dasy
Miller by Henry James Read by
Margaret Robinson (1 of 4) (f)

11.00 The Radio Programme (r)

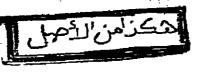
11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43 News, and 12.27

Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43

World Service (LW only)

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concludes, are ready to practise virtur just so long at they don't have to give up sin 7.20 Woman's Hour (r) 8.00 Science Now (r) 8.30 On the Cusp The Health Centre belongs to the people of Alex. Or Trn Wilson combats health problems at the city of Johannesthum in

3.00 Soundtrack (FM only), Mr Spraggins and the Agency A fly-on-the-wall look at a day in the life of an agency providing live-in help (s) (r)

3.42 RSVP (FM only): Matthew Parris studies St Paul's first

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